



March Wine News

Inside, find the complete version that includes Staff Selections and the first ever Leschi Market Wine Awards.

It is never too early for great tasting rosé, is it!?

Here are TWO brand new arrivals.

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Cheers & Enjoy!

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ED PICKS

2011 Round Pond Estate Rutherford Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley \$37.99/\$27.99/\$25.19

2010 Flora Springs Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley \$42.99/\$26.99/\$24.29

2009 Queen Anne Cabernet Sauvignon Champoux Vineyard \$29.99/\$26.69/\$24.02

2012 Joseph Carr Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley \$24.99/\$18.69/\$16.82

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2014 Seven Hills Dry Rosé Columbia Valley \$20.99/\$13.99/\$12.59

KENNY PICKS

2011 Round Pond Estate Rutherford Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley \$37.99/\$27.99/\$25.19

2012 Chris Ringland Shiraz Barossa Australia \$27.99/\$21.99/\$19.79

2013 Cave des Grands Crus Blancs Pouilly Loche \$21.99/\$18.69/\$16.82

2013 Kentia Albarino Spain \$16.99/\$13.99/\$12.59

2014 Domaine Sorin Cotes de Provence Rose \$12.99/\$12.19/\$10.97

2013 Domaine de la Chauviniere Muscadet \$13.99/\$10.49/\$9.44

CHAD PICKS

2010 Domaine Gachot-Monot Côte De Nuits Burgundy \$35.99/\$39.89/\$26.90

2013 Domaine de la Garenne Godon-Reverdy Estate Sancerre \$24.99/\$20.59/\$18.53

Townshend Cellars 'T3' Red Columbia Valley NV \$21.99/\$18.69/\$16.82

2012 Iuli Umberta Barbera del Monferrato, Piedmont Italy \$19.99/\$16.79/\$15.11

2013 Southard Cellars White Columbia Valley \$16.99/\$13.99/\$12.59

2013 I Campi "Campo Base" Soave Veneto Italy \$16.99/\$12.19/\$10.97



Red Wines

2009 Schiavenza Barolo "Prapò" Piedmont \$69.99/\$55.99/\$50.39

"Warm and generous, this red balances notes of plum, spice and leather with high-toned elements of cherry and flowers. A vibrant wine, with a long aftertaste bolstered by dusty tannins. Best from 2017 through 2032. 310 cases made. **Top 100: 2013, Rank: 94.**"

—*Wine Spectator*, 94 points. **New item.**

2009 Il Conventino Rosso Riserva Vino Nobile di Montepulciano Tuscany \$43.99/\$32.79/\$29.51

"80% Sangiovese and 15% Colorino and Canaiolo. On the nose is a classic Vino Nobile with cherry, spice, tobacco and oak tones, with an earthy layer throughout and soft. This is because the vintage was quite warm. Il Conventino, one of a handful of wineries in Montepulciano that produce organically farmed grapes, was recently awarded the coveted Tre Bicchieri status from Gambero Rosso."

—Winery notes. **New item.**

2012 Mark Ryan NumbSkull Bordeaux Blend Walla Walla Valley \$34.99/\$29.89/\$26.90

"Numbskull is a dense supple blend from some of Walla Walla's best vineyards. Red and black cherry fruits explode on the palate, eventually mingling subtler tones of vanilla, dark chocolate and hints of toasty oak. It is a substantial wine, with mouth-filling richness and remarkable complexity for the price. 69% Merlot, 28% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Petit Verdot." —Winemaker notes. **New item.**

2013 Mark Ryan 'No Love' Pinot Noir Willamette Valley \$32.99/\$27.99/\$25.19

For the last eight years, 'Black Love' Pinot Noir has been released. But the 2013 vintage has its own unique profile. Thus, there will be no release of 'Black Love' for the 2013 vintage. The inaugural release of 'No Love' is under the Board Track Racer family of wines. It displays flavors of ripe strawberry with hints of citrus and barrel spice. Coupled with vibrant acidity, this is a supreme value in Oregon Pinot Noir. With a tiny production of just 160 cases, this wine won't last long. **New item.**

2012 Chris Ringland Shiraz Barossa Valley Australia \$27.99/\$21.99/\$19.79

Chris Ringland Shiraz has been one of Australia's most loved wines over the past few years with its immense concentration of bold, foreboding fruit. Chris Ringland creates a wine that is made from mature northern Barossa vines and shows dark mass of concentrated black and blue fruits, laced with sweet mocha and wrapped in a smooth, velvety texture.

New item.

2012 Joseph Carr Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley \$24.99/\$18.69/\$16.82

"Reflects a traditional old-school approach to winemaking, where terroir is allowed to express itself and the art of the blend results in wines of balance and complexity. Aromas of fig, red cherry, blackberry pie, forest floor, mince meats, and cocoa. A big attack of black currant flows to layers of dense tannin, earthy chocolate, and dried fruit. Full-bodied with food-friendly acidity, flavors of nutmeg, clove, and cinnamon add complexity to the finish." —Winemaker notes. **New item. A winner!**

2013 Wind Rose Cellars Dolcetto Columbia Valley \$18.99/\$16.99/\$15.29

Our Dolcetto was fermented in stainless steel to help preserve the freshness of the fruit and natural aromas. No oak was used to make this wine. Aromas of mulberries, violets, tobacco and herbs. On the palate, it is dominated by red fruits, such as currant and mulberry flavors, which are supported by natural grape tannins. Coco and prunes linger on the finish. 95% Dolcetto, 5% Barbera. 200 cases produced. **New item.**

2010 Nottola Rosso di Montepulciano (Siena) Tuscany \$18.99/\$15.89/\$14.30

The 2010 Rosso di Montepulciano is a very pretty wine laced with bright red cherries and flowers. This vinous, inviting Rosso is best enjoyed now, while the fruit retains its freshness and energy. 80% Sangiovese and 20% other red varieties. The 2010 is a fabulous wine for the money.

New item.

2009 Château Carignan Cadillac Côtes de Bordeaux \$21.99/\$14.69/\$13.22

Château Carignan is over 550 years old, and wine has always been made here. It has achieved new heights under the current ownership of Andy Lench, the owner of the local international wine broker Bordeaux Wine Locators. The wine is made from organically and biodynamically farmed grapes. It is astonishingly inexpensive given the quality and satisfaction it delivers. 70% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Sauvignon and 10% Cabernet Franc. **New vintage.**

2013 Gilbert Cellars Uncle Cragg's The Pilgrim Red Blend Columbia Valley \$16.99/\$13.99/\$12.59

Five generations of family farming in the Yakima Valley since 1897, the winery has shared its unique wines since 2004 on the south shore of Lake Chelan. The Pilgrim does the impossible for its price point—an effortless Rhône-style blend boasting a kind of 'Old World' sensibility that is hard to find in Washington. "Luxurious dark fruits, cinnamon, spice, and dark cocoa with a velvety smooth finish. 60% Malbec, 28% Grenache, 12% Pinot Noir. 770 cases produced."

—Winemaker notes. **New vintage.**

2013 Macedon Cabernet Sauvignon Macedonia \$16.99/\$13.09/\$11.78

"A ripeness and elegance of fruit that propels Macedon Cabernet to pure deliciousness. With aromas of dark cocoa, figs, sage, pomegranate, and olive brine, the wine is powerful, elegant, and truly unique: a bit of Bordeaux, a bit of Sonoma, with a touch of the Med thrown in. A great value." —Small Vineyards. **New item.**



2013 Carnivor Cabernet Sauvignon California
\$15.99/\$12.99/\$11.69

“Carnivor Cabernet is a unique combination—full—bodied flavors with finesse. Our rich blend shows hints of blackberry, caramel, roast coffee and toasted oak. Carnivor Cabernet finishes each bold sip with a refined smoothness.” —Winery notes. **New item.**

2012 Cepas Antiguas Tempranillo La Rioja \$12.99/\$11.29/\$10.16

Powerful aromas of red wild fruits, with a background of ripe fruits with mineral shades. On the palate it has complex, fruity tannins and good acidity. Excellent freshness and persistence. The grapes come from vineyards that are more than 40 years old. **New vintage.**

2011 Vidal-Fleury Rouge Côtes du Ventoux \$16.99/\$9.99/\$8.99

Founded in 1781, Vidal-Fleury is the oldest continuously operating winery in the Rhône Valley. Thomas Jefferson visited the estate in 1787. A blend of 60% Syrah and 30% Grenache. “Offers dark crushed cherry and plum fruit lined with tobacco and warm paving stone notes. The dusty edged finish shows good persistence.”
 - *Wine Spectator*, 88 points. **New vintage.**

2013 Château La Vernède Tradition Rouge Coteaux-du-Languedoc \$12.99/\$9.39/\$8.45

For more than 100 years, Château La Vernède has been passed from one generation to the next. Today, Jean-Marc Ribet is leading the Château into the 21st century with the aim of producing wines that properly express the land that he grew up on. After trying this wine, you'll want to move there. Comprised of Grenache, Syrah, Carignan and Mourvèdre, this wine will become one of your favorite “everyday reds”. Soft and lush. Bright berries with a touch of spice. Tasty stuff! Incredible value! **New vintage.**

2011 Dante Red Blend California \$12.99/\$8.39/\$7.56

Michael Pozzan does it again. Bold and fruit-forward, this mostly “Merlot/Cabernet” (a smidge of Zin and Syrah thrown in for mouthfeel) blend is a knockout in the “bang for buck” category. Soft, round, and appealing, with red currant and jammy cherry flavors, yet with enough structure to allow it to stand up to food. The perfect every-night bottle. **New vintage.**

White Wines

2013 Giraudon Blanc Aligoté Bourgogne \$15.99/\$13.09/\$11.78

The terroir at Giraudon is particularly well suited for the Aligoté grape which makes up 40% of the vines planted in the area. The wine goes through a malolactic fermentation which adds a lovely middle palate to its vibrant fruity and mineral qualities. This wine is as famous as a refreshing summer quaffer, as it serves the original base of the wine cocktail, Kir—just throw a half-ounce (or to taste) of crème de cassis in your glass and top up with this Aligoté—voilà! **New vintage.**



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

2013 I Campi “Campo Base” Soave Veneto Italy
\$16.99/\$12.19/\$10.97

Beautiful straw yellow color with greenish reflections. The nose and the palate are intense and persistent, but always fine and fresh with nice acidity. Almost spicy, with the typical floral notes of Soave. 100% Garganegra. **New item.**

2013 Hugel Gentil Blanc Blend Alsace France
\$16.99/\$11.19/\$10.07

“Our only wine that is a blend of several varieties. The perfect introduction to Alsace wines. A wine that is almost universal as it is suited to a great number of occasions. The suave, spicy flavor of Gewürztraminer, the body of Pinot Gris, the finesse of Riesling, the grappiness of Muscat and the refreshing character of Sylvaner.”
 —Winery notes. **New vintage.**

2013 Château Moulin de Ferrand Blanc Entre-Deux-Mers
\$11.99/\$8.39/\$7.55

This is a great value in tasty white Bordeaux. Primarily Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon, with a little Muscadelle for added yumminess, this is a perfect wine for everyday consumption. Bright and fresh, it's loaded with zesty citrus and melon flavors. Great with gently prepared fish dishes or salads. Having a party, here you go. This is, hands down, the best value in Bordeaux blanc. **New vintage.**

Rosé Wines

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 —Winemaker notes. **New vintage. Limited!**



Leschi Market Wine Awards Top 10 of 2014

#10 2012 Ryan Patrick Rock Island Red Wahluke Slope (\$15)

Also received **The Newcomer Award**. 58% Merlot, 35% Syrah, 5% Petite Sirah, 2% Primitivo.

#9 Roederer Estate Brut Anderson Valley NV (\$19)

Also received **Best Bubbly Award**. Wine Spectator, 91 points.

#8 2013 Dashwood Sauvignon Awatere Valley Marlborough New Zealand (\$11)

#7 2013 L'Ecole No 41 Chardonnay Columbia Valley (\$20)

#6 2013 Domaine de Triennes Rosé Vin de Pays de Méditerranée (\$15) *2014 release coming soon!

#5 2013 AIX Rosé Coteaux d'Aix en Provence (\$14)

*2014 release coming soon!

#4 2013 Oisly et Thésée 'Les Gourmets' Sauvignon Blanc Touraine (\$7)

#3 Estrella Proprietor's Reserve Lot #3 California (\$4.99)

#2 2013 Wente Vineyards Riva Ranch Chardonnay Arroyo Seco Monterey County (\$15)

#1 2012 Excelsior Cabernet Sauvignon South Africa (\$8)

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