

December Wine News

Only a few weeks remain for 2015. Make Leschi Market your go-to for holiday party wine, host gifts, and stocking stuffers this holiday season. Included in this month's newsletter are great ideas for big hearty reds and high scoring collectibles with our Champagne insert coming next week!

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Cheers & Enjoy!

Leschi Market's Wine Department



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ED PICKS

2008 Page Cellars Preface Cabernet Sauvignon Red Mountain \$39.99/\$34.69/\$31.22

2013 Duckhorn Decoy Red Blend Sonoma County \$32.99/\$23.39/\$21.05

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2014 Jour de Soif Cabernet Franc Bourgueil Loire Valley \$21.99/\$18.69/\$16.82

2012 James Cabernet Sauvignon California \$16.99/\$13.99/\$12.59

2012 'Campomaccione' Morellino di Scansano Southern Tuscany \$18.99/\$9.99/\$8.99

KEN PICKS

2012 Colene Clemens Margo Pinot Noir Chehalem Mountains \$38.99/\$33.99/\$30.59

2014 Domaine Pouillon Edelzwicker White Columbia Gorge \$26.99/\$23.99/\$21.49

2014 Domaine de la Garenne Sancerre \$24.99/\$20.59/\$18.53

2014 Domaine Garnier & Fils Chablis de Bourgogne \$19.99/\$16.79/\$15.11

2013 Ryan Patrick Vineyards Rock Island Red Wahluke Slope \$21.99/\$14.99/\$13.49

2014 St. Cosme Cotes du Rhone \$16.99/\$13.99/\$12.59

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2012 Owen Roe Ex Umbris Syrah Columbia Valley \$32.99/\$20.59/\$18.53

Duval Leroy Champagne Brut NV \$71.99/\$41.99/\$37.79

2011 Rotie Cellars Northern White Marsanne Washington \$30.99/\$26.19/\$23.59

Gerard Bertrand Minervois Syrah-Carignan \$17.99/\$13.39/\$12.05

2012 Abeja Cabernet Sauvignon Columbia Valley \$53.99/\$46.69/\$42.02

Tenuta Rubino Susumaniello Oltreme Puglia \$16.99/\$13.09/\$11.78



Red Wines

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2011 Giuseppe Lonardi Amarone Della Valpolicella Verona \$64.99/\$55.99/\$50.39

“In our opinion, few make it better than Giuseppe Lonardi. His Amarone is remarkably port-like and very concentrated, with powerful, heady aromas of dried fruit potpourri, chocolate, cedar chest and exotic spice. The production is micro, and it shows in this luxurious, breathtaking wine. That is one reason why this monumental wine will age for 30+ years.” –*Small Vineyards*. **New vintage.**

2013 Gramercy Cellars Cabernet Sauvignon Lower East Columbia Valley \$35.99/\$30.69/\$27.62

Gramercy’s value Cabernet Sauvignon is made from the barrels of his higher end Cabs that don’t quite fit into his blends. Greg and Pam call it their ‘lower east’ Cab to celebrate the location of Walla Walla in the lower east side of Washington State, and for the restaurants they used to frequent in New York City’s lower east side. “Dark cherry fruit, tobacco, spice, vanilla and dense, chewy tannins.”

–*Northwest-Wine.Com*. **New vintage.**

2013 Duckhorn Decoy Red Blend Sonoma County \$32.99/\$23.39/\$21.05

“The exceptional 2013 growing season yielded a spectacular Decoy Red Wine filled with alluring layers of cassis, black cherry and plum, as well as hints of baking spice, black licorice and cocoa. On the palate, this wine is weighty and deliciously complex, with refined tannins adding length and focus to a long, satisfying finish. 25% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Zinfandel, 15% Cabernet Franc, 11% Petite Sirah, 9% Petit Verdot, 5% Malbec.” –*Winemaker notes*. **New vintage.**

2014 Owen Roe Abbot’s Table Red Blend Columbia Valley \$26.99/\$23.39/\$21.05

“Abbot’s Table 2014 is smoking! The perfect summer barbeque wine, equal parts rich and spicy, filled with lip-smacking raspberry and cherry flavors. Owen Roe repackaged Abbot’s for the 2014 vintage with a new take on the label and a heftier bottle. As always, 46% Zinfandel, 31% Sangiovese, 14% Blaufränkisch and 9% Malbec, blended expertly.”

–*Northwest-Wine.Com*. **New vintage.**

2013 Descendientes de J. Palacios Bierzo Pétalos Spain \$26.99/\$20.59/\$18.53

“Expressive black cherry, currant, licorice, mineral and smoke flavors mingle in this focused red. The texture is gentle but firm, with well-integrated tannins and racy acidity providing structure. A compact wine that shows good intensity. Drink now through 2023. Smart Buy. #53 Top 100 Wines of 2015.” –*Wine Spectator*, 91 points. **New vintage.**

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2013 Château La Borie Côtes du Rhône Villages \$23.99/\$19.39/\$17.45

“The soils consist of marly clay, very rocky, planted with Syrah, Grenache and Mourvèdre. Fermented in cement temperature regulated vats. A complex mix of mineral, spice and chocolate on the nose. Complex structure with beautifully smooth tannins, finishing on ripe fruit sensations.” –*Winemaker notes*. **New item.**

2013 Casa Gran del Siurana GR-174 Priorat Spain \$21.99/\$18.69/\$16.82

“GR-174 is the name of the lovely path that crosses Priorat. Hiking all along this track is probably the best way to feel its beauty. If you could concentrate in a bottle the ripe fruits aromas and the minerality of its terroir the result would be a wine like this. A blend of Garnatxa, Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah, Samsó, Merlot and Cabernet Franc partially aged in oak.” –*Decanter*, 93 points. **New vintage.**

2012 Domaine de la Rablaïs Rouge Touraine Chenonceaux \$19.99/\$15.99/\$14.39

“Our family vineyard has been handed down from generation to generation since 1790 and is located in the heart of the Loire Valley. Attacks with a fresh note and ends with a red fruits-flavored nose. It is fresh and light, low in tannin and with a peppery mouth. 50% Cabernet Franc and 50% CÔT (Malbec).” –*Winery notes*. **New item.**

2014 Jean Paul Dubost Beaujolais Villages \$18.99/\$15.99/\$14.39

Domaine Dubost is a 4th generation domaine which has been in the hands of Jean-Paul Dubost since the mid nineties. Beaujolais gets a bad rap. Mostly due to Beaujolais Nouveau. This wine will change your mind. Bright and juicy with refreshing acidity. Explosive fruit on the nose, very pretty, and an attractive mouthful behind with good crunchy fruit, ready to go now. **New item.**



2009 Scarafone Rosso de Montecucco \$16.99/\$14.99/\$13.49

Scarafone is dark red with ruby hues and has a multifaceted bouquet that is confirmed by equal complexity in the mouth. It is a wine with good structure and a perfect balance between soft and hard components. It can be served with first courses, stewed and grilled meats or mature cheese. **New item.**

2012 James Cabernet Sauvignon California \$16.99/\$13.99/\$12.59

Big and lush Cabernet Sauvignon sourced from Lodi and Napa, California. A chocolatey wine with a deep color, dark plummy fruits, and a nice dose of warm baking spices on the finish. It's back. We got the last five cases.

2013 Olivares 'Altos de la Hoya' Monastrell Jumilla Spain \$12.99/\$9.39/\$8.45

"The fruit is sourced from a vineyard of ungrafted vines many of which were planted in 1872. The wine is from the best parcel and the highest point in the vineyard so we call it 'Altos de la Hoya', meaning the 'highest from La Hoya'. Ripe, powerful scents of red and dark fruits, minerals and spices. Finishes fresh and long, with a repeating dark fruit note. Monastrell 92%, 8% Garnacha." -Winery notes. **New vintage.**

2013 Excelsior Cabernet Sauvignon South Africa \$16.99/\$8.39/\$7.55

Sad but true. If this South African Cabernet came from California it would be twice as expensive. South Africa has managed to steal some of Australia's thunder with bargain buys like this gem from the Excelsior Estate's De Wet family. Currant, plum and spices on the straightforward nose. Juicy, nicely delineated currant, cherry and spice flavors carry through a firm finish featuring dusty tannins. 90% Cabernet Sauvignon and 10% Petit Verdot. Best Seller. **New vintage.**

White Wines

2015 Cloudy Bay Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough New Zealand \$28.99/\$25.99/\$23.39

Widely regarded as the benchmark example of Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc. "Appealing concentration and poise suggests a wine with the ability to age. The nose is bright with aromas of kaffir lime and grapefruit. A generous palate reveals ripe citrus, stone fruit and lemongrass flavors balanced by crunchy acidity. Perhaps the hallmark of this vintage is its persistent finish rich with minerality." -Winery notes. **New vintage.**

2014 Genoa Cellars Springline White Columbia Valley \$19.99/\$15.99/\$14.39

"Tropical fruit, pear, apricot, grapefruit and mineral. Off-dry with a hint of neutral oak. Like a light breeze off the Puget Sound. Pair with salads, appetizers, sunglasses and good friends. 50% Viognier, 19% Chardonnay, 19% Sauvignon Blanc and 12% Pinot Grigio." - Winemaker notes. **New item.**

2014 Viu Manent Secreto Viognier San Carlos Vineyard Colchagua Valley Chile \$13.99/\$9.39/\$8.45

Intense aromas of peach, apricot and pear that mingle with light citrus and floral notes. The palate has light to medium weight with fresh acidity and a persistent finish. **New vintage.**

2014 Condes de Albarel Albariño Rias Baixas Spain \$13.99/\$9.39/\$8.45

"A full-bodied, serious, dry Albariño similar to its sibling Morgadío incorporating wines made from the first pressing in a comparatively softer and more floral style." -Winery notes. **New vintage**

2014 Excelsior Chardonnay South Africa \$16.99/\$7.99/\$7.19

This fresh, crisp bottling is a blend of Excelsior's three best Chardonnay blocks. Hints of peach, marmalade and orange blossom on the nose lead to flavors of green apple, citrus and pineapple on a full, creamy palate. Delicate toasty notes and a mineral edge round out this versatile everyday wine. 97% Chardonnay, 3% Viognier. **New item.**

From Our Cellar-Limited-Inquire

2012 St. Cosme 'Valbelle' Gigondas \$60.69 Wine Spectator, 94 points

2010 Turley Zinfandel Pesenti Vineyard San Luis Obispo \$36.99 Wine Advocate, 94 points

2010 Sea Smoke Pinot Noir Sta. Rita Hills Ten \$89.99 Wine Spectator, 91 points



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Best Sellers At Leschi Market

WHITE WINES

1. 2014 Oisly et Thesee Touraine Sauvignon Blanc Les Gourmets \$10.99/\$7.49/\$6.74
2. 2013 Wente Vineyards Riva Ranch Chardonnay Monterey \$24.99/\$14.99/\$13.49
3. 2012 House of Independent Producers Chardonnay Columbia Valley \$16.99/\$10.69/\$9.62
4. 2013 Wente Vineyards Morning Fog Chardonnay San Francisco Bay \$24.99/\$14.99/\$13.49
5. 2014 Mont Gravet Cotes de Gascogne Blanc \$9.99/\$7.49/\$6.74
6. 2014 Domaine Talmard Macon-Chardonnay \$15.99/\$10.29/\$9.26

RED WINES

1. Estrella Reserve Red Lot #3 California NV \$7.99/\$4.99/\$4.49
2. 2012 Ryan Patrick Vineyards Rock Island Red Wahluke Slope \$21.99/\$14.99/\$13.49
3. 2012 Excelsior Cabernet Sauvignon South Africa \$16.99/\$8.39/\$7.55
4. 2014 Christopher Michael Pinot Noir Willamette Valley \$13.99/\$10.29/\$9.26

5. 2014 St. Cosme Cotes du Rhone \$16.99/\$13.99/\$12.59
6. 2013 Masciarelli Montepulciano d'Abruzzo Italy \$13.99/\$8.39/\$7.55

WINE > \$15.00

1. 2014 Domaine Garnier & Fils Chablis de Bourgogne \$19.99/\$16.79/\$15.11
2. 2013 Chalk Hill Chardonnay Sonoma Coast \$29.99/\$20.59/\$18.53
3. 2013 Davis Bynum Chardonnay Sonoma County \$24.99/\$19.99/\$17.99
4. 2013 Mark Ryan Winery "The Chief" Red Columbia Valley \$26.99/\$23.39/\$21.05
5. 2014 Domaine de la Garenne Sancerre \$24.99/\$20.59/\$18.53
6. Roederer Estate Brut NV Anderson Valley \$32.99/\$18.39/\$16.55

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