

## December Wine Newsletter

Inside you will find Staff Picks, Best Sellers and other great finds, such as these:

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### KEN PICKS

2013 Buty Conner Lee Vineyard Merlot-Cabernet Franc Columbia Valley  
\$48.99/\$41.99/\$37.79

2013 Chateau Fortia ‘Tradition’ Chateaufeuf du Pape \$39.99/\$36.39/\$32.75

Moutard Grand Cuvee Brut NV Champagne  
\$37.99/\$26.29/\$23.66

2014 Pra ‘Otto’ Soave Classico Veneto Italy  
\$21.99/\$14.99/\$13.49

2014 L’Efecte Volador Rouge Montsant Spain  
\$17.99/\$13.99/\$12.59

2015 Colterenzio Pinot Bianco Weissburgunder Alto Adige Italy  
\$15.99/\$12.19/\$10.97

### KENNY PICKS

2014 Flowers Chardonnay Sonoma Coast  
\$64.99/\$47.19/\$42.77

Chapuy Brut Champagne NV  
\$37.99/\$27.99/\$25.19

2012 Dry Creek Cabernet Sauvignon Sonoma County \$38.99/\$23.99/\$21.59

2014 Talbott Pinot Noir Monterey  
\$30.99/\$22.99/\$20.69

2014 Domaine Dozon Chinon  
\$26.99/\$21.49/\$19.34

2012 Château Haut Beyzac Haut-Medoc  
\$19.99/\$13.99/\$12.59

### MIKE PICKS

Julien Chopin Champagne Carte Noir Brut Nature NV \$49.99/\$39.99/\$35.99

2010 Domaine de Nalys Chateaufeuf du Pape \$46.99/\$36.99/\$33.29

2014 Locus Red Blend Yakima Valley  
\$26.99/\$21.49/\$19.34

2015 Gulfi Rossojbleo Nero d’Avola Sicilia  
\$19.99/\$16.79/\$15.11

2014 Pesquié Rouge Terrasses Cites du Ventoux Rhône \$17.99/\$13.99/\$12.59

2015 Domaine des Cassagnoles Blanc Côtes de Gascogne \$12.99/\$9.39/\$8.45



## Red Wines

### 2011 Corliss Estates Red Wine Walla Walla \$81.99/\$69.99/\$62.99

35% Cabernet Sauvignon, 33% Merlot and 32% Cabernet Franc. "Aromas of cassis, blueberry and licorice are lifted by exotic spices. Intense dark fruit flavors lifted by a violet element. Finishes long and energetic, with firm but sweet tannins and strong graphite minerality. Clearly the finest vintage to date for this bottling, and should evolve positively through the 2020s."

- *Stephen Tanzer*, 94+ points. **New vintage. Limited.**

### 2012 G.D. Vajra Barolo Albe Piedmont \$53.99/\$39.37/\$33.65

"Albe is 'Barolo di Barolo', a Barolo blended from vineyards only in the Barolo comune. All have different southern exposures and, they yield a complex and rich Barolo that will age gracefully for another three to five years, but is an absolute pleasure to drink now. This is one of our most approachable and opens Barolos in the portfolio, and one of our best values." - Winemaker notes. **New vintage.**

### 2013 Result of a Crush Red Wine Walla Walla Valley \$37.99/\$32.69/\$29.42

The Rocks terroir shines through beautifully, showing stones and cured tobacco leaves with hints of rosemary on the nose. The palate is dense with earth, smoked olives, grilled meats, and a finish of homemade brandied cherries. The Syrah gives it a smooth and velvety texture with lush mouthfeel, while the Cabernet Sauvignon provides acidity and fine tannins to its structure. Consulting winemaker, Matt Reynvaan. **New vintage.**

### 2015 Daou Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon Central Coast \$27.99/\$24.99/\$22.49

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- *Wine Advocate*, 90-92 points. **New vintage.**

### 2014 Tamarack Cabernet Franc Wahluke Slope \$30.99/\$23.39/\$21.05

"Ripe and generous, with dark plum and chocolate flavors balanced against red pepper and violet overtones. Finishes with firm tannins and good length. Best from 2018 through 2021."

- *Wine Spectator*, 89 points

### 2014 Locus Red Blend Yakima Valley \$26.99/\$21.49/\$19.34

"Beautifully violet in color with notes of dark raspberry, this surprisingly complex blend starts with plum and finishes with nutmeg and dark, tobacco-like tones. 317 cases produced. 40% Syrah, 35% Grenache and 20% Mourvèdre."

- Winemaker notes. **New vintage.**

### 2015 McKinlay Vineyard Pinot Noir Willamette Valley \$21.99/\$18.69/\$16.82

McKinlay winemaker Matt Kinne's Pinots are always so elegant, so effortlessly balanced, so sneakily Burgundian. A classic and elegant Pinot with under 10% oak, tons of fruit aromas and a silky texture—old school pinot noir! **New vintage.**

### 2014 Domaine Grand Guilhem Fitou Languedoc-Roussillon \$21.99/\$18.69/\$16.82

The Domaine Grand Guilhem is an organic wine-producing property. The nose suggests fresh black fruit, cherry, a note of spices and vanilla. The clean attack on the palate delivers intense aromas of black currant. The evolution is a robust wine with a tannic structure. **New item.**

### 2015 Le Fraghe Bardolino Cavaion Veronese Italy \$17.99/\$14.99/\$13.49

"A young, fresh Bardolino only aged in stainless steel; this is a modern wine in terms of the screwcap closure and very low sulfite content, but concerning all the rest it is a champion of the most elegant side of Northeastern Italian classicism. Easy to drink and like, excellent price for its quality." - Winemaker notes. **New vintage**

### 2012 Sous Sol Red Blend \$17.99/\$13.99/\$12.59

"A blend of grapes from two of the most famous vineyards in the state. 59% Sangiovese Boushey and 41% Cabernet Sauvignon DuBrul. The bouquet denotes strong dark currant, earthy spice notes and bitter dark chocolate with the lingering mouthfeel providing a bit more elegance with balanced tannins."

- Winemaker notes. **New item.** Located in the Heart of Historic Pioneer Square Seattle.

### 2011 Gerard Bertrand Syrah-Carignan Minervois \$17.99/\$13.39/\$12.05

Former rugby player Gérard Bertrand owns 11 winemaking estates across the best terroirs the Languedoc has to offer. "Creamy, lush oaky notes harmonize with brambly berry and black cherry aromas and flavors on this accessible, modern-style Minervois. The palate is full of ripe fruit and sweet oak characteristics, with moderate tannins to provide some structure."

- *Wine Enthusiast*, 90 points. **New vintage.**

### 2015 Thomas Goss Shiraz McLaren Vale Australia \$15.99/\$13.09/\$11.78

Deep, smoke-tinged aromas of dark berries, licorice and dried flowers. Chewy cassis and bitter cherry flavors are sharpened by juicy acidity and gain sweetness with air, picking up a brighter red fruit character. Finishes on a gently sweet note, with very good spicy persistence and supple tannins. Made by peripatetic old-timer Ben Riggs. **New vintage.**



**2015 Herència Altés Garnatxa Negra Terra Alta Spain**  
**\$12.99/\$9.39/\$8.45**

It's a fresh, fruit-driven and unoaked light red fermented in stainless steel and kept in cement for a couple of months before bottling. There is a faint phenolic character here, over a mixture of red and black fruit, quite ripe with some flowers. The palate shows austere tannins, medium bodied with a good length. **New vintage.**

## White Wines

**2015 Rombauer Chardonnay Carneros California**  
**\$46.99/\$37.39/\$33.65**

"Enticing aromas of ripe apple, bright citrus and melon are layered with crème brûlée, baking spices and a touch of butter. Vibrant flavors of tropical fruit, baked apple, citrus and white peach meld with vanilla, baking spices and toasted nuts on the creamy, smooth palate. The finish is juicy with mouthwatering acidity that makes you crave another sip." –Winemaker notes. **New vintage.**

**2013 Brick House Chardonnay Cascadia Willamette Valley**  
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**2015 Elizabeth Rose Chardonnay Napa Valley**  
**\$21.99/\$18.69/\$16.82**

"The nose offers a welcoming aroma of tropical fruits, and lychee undertones. The unique style, in which this wine is crafted, with no oak treatment, provides a crisp and clean palate with slight minerality and a dry finish. 100% stainless steel tank fermented. A full mouthfeel and plump body, the Elizabeth Rose Chardonnay, will pair nicely with any rich foods." –Winemaker notes. **New vintage.**

**2013 Foxglove Central Coast Chardonnay \$19.99/\$14.99/\$13.49**

"The 2013 Chardonnay is a fabulous wine for the money. Lemon oil, white flowers and white pepper are all laced together in an impeccably balanced, layered Chardonnay long on class and personality. The wines are all done in stainless steel, which keeps the flavors bright and prices down, a pretty appealing combination for everyday wines meant to be enjoyed upon release."  
 – *Vinous*, 89 points. **New vintage.**

**2015 Terredora di Paolo White Irpinia Falanghina**  
**\$16.99/\$13.99/\$12.59**

"The bouquet is rich and intense aroma of fruit with hints of apple, pineapple, quince and pear. Fresh and clean in the mouth with excellent acidity, good structure and a floral finish."  
 –Winemaker notes. **New vintage.**

**2015 Thurston Wolfe PGV (Pinot Gris-Viognier) Columbia Valley \$19.99/\$12.99/\$11.69**

"Our 2015 PGV is a unique blend of 65% Pinot Gris and 35% Viognier, creating a rare wine with intense fruit aromas and a rich, crisp finish." –Winemaker notes. **New vintage.**

**2015 Sean Minor Sauvignon Blanc California**  
**\$13.99/\$12.19/\$10.97**

"Our Sauvignon Blanc is a golden straw color and displays aromas of melon, orange blossom, grass and a touch of tropical notes. On the entry, citrus grapefruit acidity integrates well with a medium body mid palate mouth feel. The kiwi and peach flavors evolve into a hint of minerality that adds complexity to the finish."  
 –Winery notes. **New vintage.**

**2015 Lumo (by Colterenzio) Pinot Grigio Alto Adige Italy**  
**\$13.99/\$9.39/\$8.45**

A joyously delicious Colterenzio white that's opulent on the nose with a whirl of aromas reminiscent of citrus fruits, gooseberry, ripe apple, floral scents especially of elderflower mingled with fresh herbs such as sage and mint, all in perfect synergy. Delightfully fresh, concentrated and balanced on the palate with zesty acidity. Drink tonight. **New vintage.**

**2015 Concannon Selected Vineyards Chardonnay California**  
**\$9.99/\$7.99/\$7.19**

Exhibits chamomile, citrus, apricot and toasty vanilla oak on the nose. Pleasantly plays with your palate. Tropical swirls of mango, pineapple, crisp citrus and gooseberry, plus brown sugar, almond, cinnamon, nutmeg, and caramel all contribute to a rich, smooth mouthfeel. The finish offers flavors of ripe, baked apple and chalky oak, rounding out the tropical fruit. This Chardonnay is made in the true Burgundy style. **New vintage.**

## From Our Cellar-Limited-Inquire

**2013 Clos des Papes Châteauneuf du Pape \$130.39**  
*Wine Spectator*, 94 points

**2011 Donjon Le Vieux Châteauneuf-du-Pape \$65.99**  
*Wine Spectator*, 91 points 2010

**Reynvaan The Unnamed Syrah Walla Walla \$51.39**  
*Wine Advocate*, 96 points



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## Best Sellers At Leschi Market

### WHITE WINE

1. 2013 House of Independent Producers Chardonnay Columbia Valley \$16.99/\$10.69/\$9.62
2. 2015 Oisly et Thesee Touraine Sauvignon Blanc Les Gourmets \$11.99/\$8.39/\$7.55
3. 2015 Famega Vinho Verde Portugal \$12.99/\$7.49/\$6.74
4. 2015 Domaine Talmard Macon Chardonnay \$13.99/\$10.29/\$9.26
5. 2015 Dashwood Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough New Zealand \$18.99/\$11.19/\$10.07
6. 2015 Mont Gravet Cotes de Gascogne Blanc \$9.99/\$7.49/\$6.74

### RED WINE

1. Estrella Reserve Red Lot #3 California NV \$7.99/\$4.99/\$4.49
2. 2015 Christopher Michael Pinot Noir Oregon \$14.99/\$10.29/\$9.26
3. 2014 Ryan Patrick Rock Island Red Columbia Valley \$21.99/\$14.99/\$13.49
4. 2014 Novelty Hill Royal Slope Red Columbia Valley \$22.99/\$14.99/\$13.49
5. 2014 Otus Tempranillo Quinta de Aves Spain \$17.99/\$10.59/\$9.53

6. 2014 Stangeland Vineyards Pinot Noir Eola Cuvee Eola-Amity \$22.99/\$17.99/\$16.19

### WINE GREATER THAN \$19.99

1. Moutard Grand Cuvee Brut NV Champagne \$37.99/\$26.29/\$23.66
2. 2015 Joseph Drouhin Vaudon Chablis Burgundy \$28.99/\$20.59/\$18.53
3. 2014 Mark Ryan The Chief Red Columbia Valley \$27.99/\$23.99/\$21.59
4. 2013 Owen Roe Yakima Red Yakima Valley \$37.99/\$22.29/\$20.06
5. 2015 Daou Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon Central Coast \$27.99/\$24.99/\$22.49
6. 2014 Mark Ryan Winery 'The Dissident' Columbia Valley \$37.99/\$34.99/\$31.49

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