

January Wine Newsletter

Hello 2018! Happy New Year to all! The monthly newsletter features many new wines, some old favorites, Staff Picks and Best Sellers. Kick off the year with something guaranteed delicious, like one of these:

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–Winemaker notes.

Cheers & Enjoy!

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KEN PICKS

- 2015 Quilceda Creek “CVR” Columbia Valley Red Wine \$64.99/\$55.99/\$50.39
- 2015 Lingua Franca ‘Avni’ Chardonnay Willamette Valley \$45.99/\$39.99/\$35.99
- 2015 Lingua Franca ‘Avni’ Pinot Noir Eola-Amity Hills Oregon \$45.99/\$39.99/\$35.99
- 2016 Domaine de la Chanteleuserie Alouettes Bourgueil Loire \$19.99/\$14.99/\$13.49
- 2016 Ostatu Blanco Rioja Spain \$16.99/\$13.99/\$12.59
- 2014 Weingut Felsner Riesling “Weisser Stein” Austria \$16.99/\$9.39/\$8.45

JOHN PICKS

- 2015 Kelley Fox “Ahurani” Pinot Noir McMinnville \$37.99/\$31.99/\$28.79
- 2013 Le Piane Vino Rosso ‘Mimmo’ Piedmont \$27.99/\$23.99/\$21.59
- 2015 Argiano Non Confunditur Tuscany \$23.99/\$17.99/\$16.19
- 2015 Vietti Barbera d’Asti Tre Vigne Piedmont \$20.99/\$15.89/\$14.30
- 2016 Ostatu Blanco Rioja Spain \$16.99/\$13.99/\$12.59
- 2015 Jean Perrier et Fils Apremont Vin de Savoie \$16.99/\$12.19/\$10.97

2017 TOP WINE (BY SALES)

- 2016 Leschi Cellars Lakeside Rouge Horse Heaven Hills \$15.99/\$12.99/\$11.69
- 2016 Oisly et Thesee Touraine Sauvignon Blanc Les Gourmets \$11.99/\$8.39/\$7.55
- Estrella Reserve Red Lot #3 California NV \$7.99/\$4.99/\$4.49
- 2016 AIX Rosé Coteaux d’Aix-en-Provence \$17.99/\$13.99/\$12.39
- 2014 Independent Producers “HIP” Chardonnay Columbia Valley \$16.99/\$10.69/\$9.62
- 2014 Leschi Cellars Reserve Red Blend Walla Walla \$23.99/\$19.99/\$17.99



Red Wines

2014 Domaine du Vieux Télégraphe Châteauneuf-du-Pape La Crau \$48.99/\$41.99/\$37.79

“An elegant and perfumy style, with shiso leaf and incense hints leading the way for silky-textured, lightly steeped cherry and red currant fruit flavors, while subtle dried anise, sage and singed balsam wood notes line the finish. Seems a touch shy on stuffing, but sneaky long. Best from 2018 through 2025.”

–*Wine Spectator*, 91points. **New vintage.**

2015 Kelley Fox “Ahurani” Pinot Noir McMinnville \$37.99/\$31.99/\$28.79

Considered a Pinot Noir guru in Oregon, Kelley Fox makes consistently lithe and impressive wines. She has a penetrating, pure, mineral-fruit nose, leading to flavors of black cherries and iron, with a vibrant mouthfeel. This magnificent Pinot Noir is from her biodynamic vineyards. 607 cases produced. **New item.**

2015 Efeste Cougar IV Red Blend Columbia Valley \$35.99/\$29.99/\$26.99

The fourth wine, in the limited edition Cougar Collectors’ Series, is a blend of 50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 37% Merlot and 13% Syrah. Efeste is a winery committed to crafting wine with minimalistic techniques. The Winery was number six of Washington’s 20 Best Wines Under \$30 as reported by Sean P. Sullivan in the October 2017 issue of Seattle Met. Also in April 2017 in the Washington Tasting Room Magazine one of its wines was rated extraordinary and the other outstanding. **New vintage.**

2014 Château Aney Haut-Médoc Cru Boudreaux \$29.99/\$25.99/\$23.39

“65% Cabernet Sauvignon, 25% Merlot, 7% Cabernet Franc and 3% Petit Verdot. This traditional Haut Médoc is more like what you might remember of the classic Bordeaux styles of the 1960s and 1970s. Not at all cloaked in new wood or over-extracted tannins, Château Aney’s wines have finesse and balance that make them both approachable now and perfect for longer aging. They are a great choice for any cellar.”

–Kermit Lynch, Wine Merchant. **New vintage.**

2016 Mark Ryan BTR Cellars “The Chief” Red Columbia Valley \$27.99/\$23.99/\$21.59

“The 2016 Chief shows immense complexity, with Cabernet Sauvignon’s cedar aromatics and black currant at the forefront. Fresh violets combine with flavors of blackberry and silky vanilla, and subtle chocolate notes. It has a broad finish, with a balance of acidity and tannin.” –Winemaker notes. **New vintage.**

2013 Le Piane Vino Rosso ‘Mimmo’ Piedmont \$27.99/\$23.99/\$21.59

“The most approachable and most immediately inviting of Christoph’s magical wines from these high vineyards in the Alta Piedmont. This is 70% Nebbiolo and 30% Croatina with just a touch of Vespaioia too. Fruit delivers better, darker, richer and yet still somehow more floral too, cherries, blackberry, again grip, bit of old spice, beautiful lick of acid and great length.”

–*Lea & Sandeman*, 90-92 points. **New item.**

2016 Talbott Kali-Hart Pinot Noir Monterey Central Coast \$30.99/\$22.99/\$20.69

“The Kali-Hart Pinot Noir shows a beautiful, deep ruby color with bright fruit aromas of cranberry, currant and plum, as well as hints of vanilla. The crisp red fruit flavors continue on the palate, where they are accentuated by soft, smooth tannins. The finish is long with lush fruit and hints of vanilla and French oak.”

–Winemaker notes. **New vintage.**

2010 Bodegas LAN Gran Reserva Tempranillo Rioja Spain \$26.99/\$20.99/\$18.89

“Garnet with ruby hues. Aromas of ripe red fruits combined with spicy notes from the aging in oak (vanilla, cinnamon, fennel, liquorice root) and tertiary aromas (leather, cigar box) from its prolonged bottle ageing. Full bodied and round, its mouthfeel is elegant and very well balanced. This is a wine for a special occasion.”

–Winemaker notes. **New vintage.**

2013 Dry Creek Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon California \$38.99/\$19.99/\$17.99

“It is a beauty. This serious Cabernet Sauvignon showcases just how good Cabernet can be from Dry Creek. Loads of black cherry, blackcurrant and dusty/loamy soil notes are present in this medium to full-bodied, concentrated and powerful wine. This is a blockbuster. Drink now through 2040.”

–*Robert M. Parker, Jr.*, 91 points. **New item.**

2016 Mark Ryan ‘The Vincent’ BTR-Cellars Red Columbia Valley \$21.99/\$18.69/\$16.82

“The 2016 Vincent Red offers clean, pure aromas of black cherry, black raspberry, cedar-lined spice and vanilla. The palate is bold, with mouth-filling blueberry and blackberry with more warm spice and subtle licorice flavor. The finish is remarkably balanced, focusing firm but round tannins and refined acidity.”

–Winemaker notes. **New vintage.**

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–Tony Dollar, Winemaker. **New vintage.**



**2015 Ross Andrew 'The Huntsman' Cabernet Sauvignon
Columbia Valley \$23.99/\$15.89/\$14.30**

"Dude. This wine is for real. We tried the Huntsman and liked it. A lot. Then we learned the price and thought, you have to be kidding?! Rocking Washington Cab is rarely (never) this inexpensive. Opening with black currant and strawberry jam, with subtle notes of dried herbs and spices. It's smooth, too, and is your perfect Tuesday night and/or party wine. 96% Cab and 4% Petit Verdot, mostly from Quintessence Vineyard on Red Mountain, which makes this an even more amazing value." –Northwest-Wine.com. **New item.**

**2016 Barons de Rothschild 'Legende' Reserve Rouge Bordeaux
\$21.99/\$14.49/\$13.04**

"2016 has been a remarkable vintage in the Bordeaux region, reminiscent of the legendary 1990! Intense, very expressive, dominated by fresh fruit aromas (red currant, raspberry) blended with discreet notes of oak. Structured, round and easy, nicely oaked on the palate, with firm but silky tannins and a long, fresh and fruity finish. 60% Cabernet Sauvignon and 40% Merlot."
–Winery notes. **New vintage.**

**2011 Carlos Serres Reserva Tempranillo Rioja Spain
\$16.99/\$13.99/\$12.59**

"A deep and enticing nose showing ripe strawberries and raspberries plus hints of eucalyptus. Full body, excellent balance and lovely freshness. High level of juicy tannins and a long, fresh and cedary aftertaste." –James Suckling, 93 points. **New vintage.**

2016 L'Effecte Volador Montsant Spain \$17.99/\$7.99/\$7.19

Red wine young Crianza from Montsant produced by the wineries Josep Grau Viticultor with Grenache, Carignan, Syrah and Cabernet Sauvignon grapes. The vines grow in black slate and decomposed granite soils. Will pair nicely with legume, stews, mushroom and roasts. When stored properly, the shelf life in optimal conditions will be from now until 2019. **New vintage.**

White Wines

2016 Rombauer Chardonnay Carneros \$51.99/\$41.99/\$37.79

There is no denying that the Rombauer Vineyards Chardonnay is one of America's favorite white wines. Year-in and year-out, this iconic wine hits a home run. "Enticing aromas of vanilla, melon, papaya and mango are layered with baked apples, creme brûlée, butter and a slight minerality. Those scents are echoed as flavors on the creamy, rich palate, along with peach, pie crust and baking spices. The long, smooth finish is marked by mouthwatering acidity."

–Winemaker notes. **New vintage.**

**2015 Lingua Franca 'Avni' Chardonnay Willamette Valley
\$45.99/\$39.99/\$35.99**

"Sleek and steely, with lemon blossom and river stone aromas and delicately layered nectarine and mineral flavors that linger on the long, crisp finish. Drink now through 2019."
–*Wine Spectator*, 93 points. **New item.**

**2016 André Neveu Sancerre Le Grand Fricambault Silex
\$29.99/\$25.19/\$22.67**

The aromas are as varied as they are classic, lemon and blood orange. A good balance between roundness and freshness shows on the mid-palate. Dry and fruity, it shows mineral typicity, and its particular "gun flint" taste. Clean and lively on the finish. **New vintage.**

2015 Roland Lavantureux Chablis \$26.99/\$22.39/\$20.15

"Since the 1990s, big, oaky, buttery Chardonnays from California have enjoyed explosive popularity. More recently, the pendulum has begun to swing in the opposite direction, towards a clean, crisp style that rarely utilizes new oak. These Old-World style wines have been dubbed the 'New California Chardonnays,' and anyone who claims they do not like Chardonnay should give them a try."
–Kermit Lynch, Wine Merchant. **New vintage.**

**2016 Josh Cellars Sauvignon Blanc California
\$17.99/\$13.99/\$12.59**

"Bright aromas of lime and citrus are the core of this wine with layers of white flower nectar, peach and tropical melon. The palate of the wine is fresh and alive with clean fruit flavors and a perfectly balanced finish." –Winery notes. **New item.**

**2015 Jean Perrier et Fils Apremont Vin de Savoie
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From Our Cellar-Limited-Inquire

**2009 Clos des Papes Châteauneuf du Pape
Wine Advocate, 95 points**

**2013 Clos des Papes Châteauneuf du Pape
Wine Advocate, 92 points**

**2011 Donjon Châteauneuf du Papes
Wine Advocate, 91 points**



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



December's Best Sellers At Leschi Market

WHITE WINE

1. 2014 Independent Producers "HIP" Chardonnay Columbia Valley \$16.99/\$10.69/\$9.62
2. 2016 Oisly et Thesee Touraine Sauvignon Blanc Les Gourmets \$11.99/\$8.39/\$7.55
3. 2016 Dashwood Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough New Zealand \$18.99/\$11.19/\$10.07
4. 2015 Leschi Cellars Chardonnay Columbia Valley \$19.99/\$16.99/\$15.29
5. 2016 Chateau Ducasse Bordeaux Blanc \$19.99/\$14.99/\$13.49
6. 2016 Hippolyte Reverdy Sancerre Loire \$29.99/\$25.19/\$22.67

RED WINE

1. 2014 Leschi Cellars Reserve Red Blend Walla Walla \$23.99/\$19.99/\$17.99
2. 2016 Leschi Cellars Lakeside Rouge Horse Heaven Hills \$15.99/\$12.99/\$11.69
3. 2015 Ross Andrew Glaze Cabernet Sauvignon Columbia Valley \$23.99/\$13.99/\$12.59

4. 2016 Christopher Michael Pinot Noir Oregon \$13.99/\$10.29/\$9.26
5. Estrella Reserve Red Lot #3 California NV \$7.99/\$4.99/\$4.49
6. 2015 Mark Ryan Board Track Racer "The Chief" Columbia Valley \$27.99/\$23.99/\$21.59

WINE GREATER THAN \$20

1. Moutard Pere et Fils Brut Champagne NV Grand Cuvee \$37.99/\$26.29/\$23.66
2. Henriot Brut Champagne Souverain NV \$64.99/\$34.99/\$31.49
3. 2015 Mark Ryan Board Track Racer "The Chief" Columbia Valley \$27.99/\$23.99/\$21.59
4. 2016 Hippolyte Reverdy Sancerre Loire \$29.99/\$25.19/\$22.67
5. 2015 Crous St. Martin Chateauneuf du Pape \$32.99/\$23.39/\$21.05
6. Pol Roger Brut Champagne Reserve NV \$75.99/\$44.99/\$40.49

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