

## WEEKLY WINE UPDATE

Allocation of Reynvaan announcement, plus the perfect turkey wine! Both featured below.

Walla Walla fans and Reynvaan collectors- the new allocation is out on the much coveted release of Reynvaan. Here today, gone tomorrow- makes for a great holiday gift for the wine person in your life.

The wine department will be well staffed to help you with your holiday needs- one of our favorite Thanksgiving wines is the Hugel Gentil Blanc from Alsace- read more about it below!

### 2014 Reynvaan Syrah In The Hills Walla Walla (\$69.99)

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-Wine Advocate, 94 points. **LIMITED.**

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-Winemaker notes

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## Red Wines

### 2010 Caparzo Brunello di Montalcino Vigna la Casa \$83.99/\$71.99/\$64.79

"The wine exhibits muscle and power with a large array of aromatic qualities that include dried cherry, spice, leather, tobacco, licorice and tar. It aspires to high complexity and intensity and it delivers on that promise. In the mouth, it shows beautifully tame tannins and a silky texture. Lasts many long minutes on the palate. Drink now through 2028."

-Wine Advocate, 95 points. **New item.**

### 2014 Reynvaan Syrah In The Hills Walla Walla \$79.99/\$69.99/\$62.99

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### 2013 Stolen Horse Syrah \$57.99/\$53.99/\$48.59

The addition of Walla Walla Valley Syrah from Leonetti Cellar's Loess Vineyard provides structural complexity when paired with the soft and feminine Echo Ridge Vineyard fruit. " -Josh McDaniels, Winemaker. "The 2013 Stolen Horse Syrah is precisely what we were hoping it would be and is proving to be my favorite of our three Syrah vintages thus far."

-Drew Bledsoe, Proprietor. **New item. Former WSU Quarterback.**

### 2013 Felsina Berardenga Chianti Classico Tuscany \$26.99/\$23.39/\$21.05

"Rich and sumptuous, boasting pure flavors of cherry and raspberry, matched to a juicy texture. There are plenty of tannins neatly folded into the overall structure, with hints of mineral and tea on the long, expansive finish. Best from 2017 through 2024. Smart Buy."

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

### 2014 Domaine La Manarine Côtes du Rhône \$19.99/\$15.89/\$14.30

A 100% Grenache from this family-owned, organic estate with holdings in an area of unique terroir in the southern Rhône known as "Le Plan de Dieu," whose soil is full of 'galets,' the smooth, round stones characteristic of the region. While the aromas have that classic herbal garrigue note, on the palate the fruit is bold, satisfying with ripe flavors of blackberries and lusciously ripe raspberries. **New item.**

### Bocelli Tenor Red Blend Toscana NV \$17.99/\$14.99/\$13.49

The family of famed Italian tenor Andrea Bocelli has been making wine for over 130 years. As part of a long line of Bocelli's, Andrea Bocelli—one of the world's most famous opera singers—along with his brother Alberto, mamma Edi and sister-in-law Cinzia, remain committed to making terrific wine and keeping productions small. This wine is a Super-Tuscan blend of 34% Cabernet Sauvignon, 33% Sangiovese and 33% Merlot, with aromas of bright cherry, cassis, sage and cocoa. **New item.** Small Vineyards.

### 2014 The Rebel Red Wine Columbia Valley \$16.99/\$13.99/\$12.59

"The Rebel is a second label of Scarborough Family Wines. Worthy of aging, but when it tastes this good, drink and age. In typical style, the Rebel is not an over the top fruit bomb. Red currants, anise, blackberries, earth, enhanced with soft, but sturdy tannins, make way for a beautiful smooth finish which makes your palate long for more."

-Winemaker notes. **New vintage.**

### 2014 Barnard Griffin Rob's Red Blend Washington \$19.99/\$10.59/\$9.53

"Best Buy! Rob Griffin takes the credit for stitching together this remarkably approachable blend of Merlot (53%), Cabernet Sauvignon (33%), Syrah (8%) and Malbec (6%) that's loaded with milk chocolate, black cherry, dark plum and vanilla bean aromas. This earned a double gold medal at the 2016 Cascadia Wine Competition. Outstanding!"

-Great Northwest Wine. **New item.**

### 2015 Talamonti Modà Rosso Montepulciano d'Abruzzo \$15.99/\$9.29/\$8.45

Here's an excellent value from Central Italy. A chunky, chewy red with lashings of dense fruit, backed up by full, but soft tannins and a long finish. **New vintage.**



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## White Wines

**2015 àMaurice Cellars Conner Lee Chardonnay Columbia Valley \$32.99/\$29.99/\$26.99**

"2015 was an incredibly warm vintage which led us to pick the Conner Lee Chardonnay in August to maintain freshness. A nose of wet rock, graphite and apple blossom float up from the glass. Bright acidity was maintained to carry the mouth of kumquat marmalade and gala apple. The voluminous long finish persists of hazelnut and Asian pear." -Winemaker notes. **New vintage.**

**2015 Domaine d'Elise Chablis \$24.99/\$21.49/\$19.34**

The grapes are grown without the use of herbicides or pesticides, and harvested by hand. As all Chablis ought to, this production achieves a razor sharp focus via the interplay of bracing acidity and mineral influence from the limestone soils. Still, this wine's edge is somehow mellowed by a textural component on the palate that is achieved from leaving the wine on its lees for about 10 months. Assertive, yes! Enamel-stripping, no! Enjoy. **New vintage.**

**2015 La Scolca Gavi La Scolca "White Label" Piedmont \$24.99/\$16.79/\$15.11**

One of the first and oldest producers of Gavi, La Scolca is a benchmark example of the wine. La Scolca's Gavi "White Label" is made from younger vines and is all about freshness and crispness. Well-balanced aromas and flavors of citrus and almond and very bright acidity make it lip-smackingly refreshing. **New vintage.**

**2014 Domaine Michel Fonné Tradition Pinot Blanc Alsace \$18.99/\$15.99/\$14.39**

The Pinot Blanc is well-rounded yet delicate, combining freshness and softness. Mild acidity and low alcohol contribute to make this a very pleasant and easy wine to drink. It is the ideal all-purpose Alsace wine. **New item.**

**2015 Ferrari-Carano Fume Blanc Sonoma County \$24.99/\$13.59/\$12.23**

"A delicious wine with aromas and flavors of pink grapefruit, pineapple, lemon grass, lychee, kiwi, honey dew, orange blossom, guava, white peach and lemon-lime with a touch of minerality. This wine has bright acidity and crisp freshness from the cool, stainless steel tank fermentation, while the subtle oak character from neutral French oak barrels adds body, complexity and depth."

-Winemaker notes. **New vintage.**

**2015 Hugel Gentil Blanc Blend Alsace France \$16.99/\$12.99/\$11.69**

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**2015 Cave de Saumur 'Saumur Blanc' Les Pouches Loire Valley \$13.99/\$9.39/\$8.45**

From the incredibly diverse Chenin Blanc grape comes this terrific Loire Valley white. Medium weight, with apple, chalk and floral aromas, there's a lovely, mature, creamy mouthfeel to this, with glazed pear flavors that glide through the lush, medium-weight finish. Ripe and showy, but still dry and racy in the end. Delicious. **New vintage.**

**2015 Domaine De Guillon Côtes De Gascogne \$12.99/\$9.39/\$8.45**

This is a blend of 35% Colombard, 25% Gros Manseng, 25% Sauvignon Blanc and 15% Ugni Blanc from a small estate in southwestern France. Beautifully balanced, crisp and refreshing, it has an intense aromatic nose with grapefruit, white peach and a hint of citrus fruit flavors. With its lively mouthfeel and a long, pleasant dry finish, it is reminiscent of a Loire Valley white. **New item.**

## Champagne

**Pierre Péter Brut Blanc de Blancs Champagne Cuvée de Réserve NV \$69.99/\$47.29/\$42.56**

"Fresh and floral, with dogwood and spring blossom accents, this mouthwatering blanc de blancs offers a lively bead, carrying flavors of white cherry, fresh ginger, slivered almond and yellow plum. Disgorged February 2015. Drink now through 2018" -*Wine Spectator*, 91 points

**Pol Roger Brut Champagne Réserve NV \$69.99/\$46.99/\$42.29**

"An elegant Champagne, with a smoky, minerally underpinning and subtle flavors of poached pear, toast, candied lemon zest and ginger riding the finely detailed bead. Harmonious, and hard to stop sipping. Drink now through 2020." -*Wine Spectator*, 92 points

**Marc Hebrart Brut Rosé Premier Cru NV \$55.99/\$41.99/\$37.79**

"Super clear and refreshing bouquet with lots of chalky Chardonnay character intermixed with subtle red berry flavors and some herbal flavors. This Champagne combines elegance with lightness and delicate fruit aromas. This is a very delicate Rosé that comes highly recommended. It is long and tension-filled, with delicate tannins that give grip. Drink now through 2020." -*Wine Advocate*, 91 points

**Gaston Chiquet Brut Champagne Tradition NV \$54.99/\$38.99/\$35.09**

"Lightly floral, this subtle, balanced version offers flavors of lemon curd, yellow plum, chalk and biscuit. Disgorged July 2014. Drink now." -*Wine Spectator*, 90 points

## From Our Cellar-Inquire

**2010 Leonetti Cellar Reserve \$195.99 *Wine Advocate*, 100 points**

**2011 Leonetti Cellar Reserve \$159.99 *Wine Spectator*, 94 points**

**2012 Leonetti Cellar Reserve \$166.99 *Wine Advocate*, 98 points**



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