

WEEKLY WINE UPDATE

Many of you have noticed, but for those of you that haven't, Leschi Market's Italian section has gone through a complete overhaul. We've increased the number of available wines by nearly 1/3 so that we can bring you even more options. Nebbiolo, Barbera, and Dolcetto, oh my! Come check out the new set, organized regionally as best we can. Here are a couple of new, more obscure wines that are outstanding in both quality and affordability.

2014 Monte Tondo Corvina Rosso Veneto Italy (\$11.19)

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Red Wines

2010 Corliss Cabernet Sauvignon Columbia Valley \$92.99/\$79.99/\$71.99

"Another smoking 2010 from this team, this is a classic wine from this estate. Lavishly oaked, with gorgeous chocolate, currants, licorice and tobacco leaf on the nose, it hits the palate with full-bodied richness and depth, yet never seems heavy, cumbersome or over the top. In fact, it integrates its oak with time in the glass and shows more and more freshness and elegance. Like the Red Wine release, give it a few years and enjoy bottles through 2030."

—*Wine Advocate*, 95 points. **New vintage. Limited.**

2010 Corliss Estate Red Blend Red Mountain \$81.99/\$69.99/\$62.99

A blend of Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot. "A big, rich effort, it has awesome density and concentration to go with ripe notes of cassis, black cherries, smoked earth and crushed rocks. There's a lot of fruit here (surprising in the vintage), but it shows more and more tannic grip and underlying structure with time in the glass. It has the texture and polish to drink beautifully today, but I think it will be even better with short-term cellaring, and have upward of two decades of overall longevity." —*Wine Advocate*, 94+ points. **New vintage. Limited.**

2012 àMaurice Estate Vineyard The Fred Syrah Walla Walla Valley \$44.99/\$39.99/\$35.99

"Vividly expressive, with clotted cream—accented black currant, blueberry and boysenberry flavors gaining momentum as they play against gently nubby tannins. Has presence and power, finishing with grace. Best from 2017 through 2025. 388 cases made."

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

2014 Crous St Martin Châteauneuf du Pape \$32.99/\$23.39/\$21.05

Aromas of cherry, mulberry and fine spices. Sensual mouth-feel expressing depth and smoothness with aromas of kirsch, black currant, followed by fine spices, such as thyme, licorice and white pepper. Tannins are present, but are polished and silky. A complex wine with roundness, power and a long mouthfeel. 80 % Grenache, 10% Syrah and 10% Mourvèdre.

New item. Great price point!

2014 Syncline Cellars Subduction Red Columbia Valley \$23.99/\$18.69/\$16.82

"Ripe and hedonistic, this charming ruby colored wine exhibits blackberry, olive and rose petal aromas and flavors. The bright, fresh finish, juicy mid-palate and excellent length provide a wine that is compatible with many foods and occasions." —Winemaker notes. **New vintage.**

2012 Château des Roques's Rouge Vacqueyras \$22.99/\$18.69/\$16.82

"Vibrant spice-tinged raspberry and floral pastille scents, with a smoky mineral element adding vivacity. Silky and sweet on the palate, offering lively red fruit and white pepper flavors and a touch of candied lavender. The mineral note repeats on the lingering, gently tannic finish.

Drinking window: 2018-2022." —*Josh Reynolds*, 90 points. **New vintage.**

2012 Château Laffitte-Teston Rouge Vieilles Vignes Madiran \$19.99/\$16.79/\$15.11

This is a burly, bloody, rustic full-bodied—a "winter wine". Needs fully braised meats, stews or casseroles. Made from the grape variety of the appellation, Tannat. The vines are about 70 years old and are harvested by hand, for low yields that make this wine its flagship wine. A fine wine, harmonious, where one crosses small black fruit, plum, vanilla and roasted notes. On the palate it is robust, concentrated and fleshy, with a remarkable finish. **New vintage.**

2013 Château Saint-Roch Rouge Côtes du Roussillon Chimeres \$18.99/\$15.99/\$14.39

"A blend of 60% Grenache, 30% Syrah and 10% Carignan. Savory notes of kirsch and assorted darker berry fruits, pepper, truffle and damp earth. Full-bodied, thrillingly textured and with incredible purity of fruit, this knockout effort stays lively and elegant, with fine tannin, terrific length and no hard edges. It will knock your socks off now through 2020. The wine is jaw-dropping good. In addition, it is ridiculously under-priced given its quality."

—*Wine Advocate*, 93 points. **New item.**



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2010 Château les Combes Lussac-St Emilion \$19.99/\$13.99/\$12.59

The soils at Les Combes are a mix of clay and limestone and the vines are over 100 years old. Luscious flavors of blueberry, truffle and juicy black currant with smoky notes of leather, caramel and sandalwood. Supple and balanced with velvet tannins and a complex nose. Well structured and generous with a black fruit and licorice finish. **New item.**

2013 Sustain Red The Underground Wine Project Red Columbia Valley \$17.99/\$13.99/\$12.59

A collaboration between Washington winemakers Mark McNeilly (Mark Ryan Winery) and Trey Busch (Sleight of Hand Cellars). A polished blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Malbec. Full of blackberry and black cherry fruit. Full bodied yet easy drinking. **New item.**

2013 Southard Red Wine Columbia Valley \$16.99/\$13.99/\$12.59

"A Rhône blend: 38% Syrah, 26% Mourvedre, 23% Grenache and 13% Cinsault. It offers a terrific, complex nose melding zesty/brambly raspberry fruit with terrific brackish notes of seaweed and black olive. Balance of richness and acidity. The juicy, vaguely salty, insistently mouthwatering finish is the bow on this gift, which easily over-delivers its price point." —Full Pull. **New vintage.**

2013 Domaine de l'Alba l'Ermite Corbières France \$16.99/\$13.09/\$11.78

"A rock star blend of Carignan, Grenache and Syrah that sports awesome purity in its black cherry-like fruits, spring flowers, sappy underbrush and subtle minerality. Medium-bodied, upfront and silky, this is a finesse driven beauty to enjoy now through 2020. These guys have knocked it out of the park in 2013." —*Wine Advocate*, 91 points. **New item.**

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2013 Domaine D'Astruc Malbec \$11.99/\$8.39/\$7.55

For those who enjoy a European style, who like some herb and black olive in their red wines, and who are not dependent upon jammy fruit, high alcohol and new oak to inspire a sense of quality, this is a jewel: light, immaculate, balanced and yet interesting, with a nuanced mix of fruits and herbs. Make no mistake, this is a dark, brooding, big wine. You just can't do much better than this, even at twice the price. The perfect BBQ wine. **New vintage.**

White Wines

2012 Domaine du Château de Puligny-Montrachet Blanc Burgundy \$45.99/\$35.99/\$32.39

"The Clos du Château is a fine spacious vineyard, farmed biodynamically, which would once have been the Château's front garden. The 2012 shows a fine bright pale color with very lively fresh fruit on the nose. Quite high acidity keeps the wine delightfully fresh, with attractive bright fruit, pleasing through the middle and a lovely finish." —Importer notes. **New vintage.**

2013 Domaine Costal Les Truffières Chablis \$38.99/\$32.69/\$29.42

The Chablis comes from a single vineyard site called Truffières, or truffles. The parcel has been worked organically for many years. A blend of stainless steel, foudre, and barrel vinifications. The bottling is not filtered or cold-stabilized—a true rarity in Chablis. There is no mistaking it, one taste and you are in Chablis territory—zesty minerality, wet stone, freshness and nervosity. Kermit Lynch Import. **New vintage.**

2013 La Scolca Gavi 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. The Soldati family has been making Gavi in the Commune of Gavi, in Piedmont, since 1919, using 100% Cortese grapes. They actually rescued the grape from near oblivion after World War II. Today, the fifth generation of Soldatis continues to produce wines that are bracingly fresh and clean. **New item.**

2014 Elemental Cellars Auxerrois Blanc Zenith Vineyard Eola Amity Hills Willamette Valley \$19.99/\$16.79/\$15.11

Aromas of pear, mineral and fresh herbs with a dry, flavorful palate featuring notes of citrus, herbs and a freshness. It is made with a grape only occasionally encountered in Oregon. Auxerrois is native to the Alsace region of France where it is known for making lean, mineral-driven wines with crisp apple and pear flavors. **New vintage.**

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From Our Cellar-Limited-Inquire

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2011 Quilceda Creek Cabernet Sauvignon Washington \$159.99 Wine Advocate, 96 points

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