

WEEKLY WINE UPDATE

Italian Wines Garner Big Scores

Inside, you will find great new wines like these:

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Red Wines

2011 Pauillac de Lynch-Bages Rough Bordeaux \$64.99/\$55.99/\$50.39

The third wine from Château Lynch Bages: Pauillac de Lynch-Bages is a wonderfully fresh and elegant wine with notes of red fruit, spice, wood and a silky well-rounded mouthfeel to finish it off. The lighter structure makes this wine an excellent pairing with many dishes and a pleasure to enjoy right away. **New vintage.**

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2013 Domaine de la Biscarelle Châteauneuf-du-Pape \$41.99/\$35.99/\$32.39

Small family estate run by Jerome and Christelle Grieco. Mid/late 30s couple. Recently won prestigious “Young Winemaker of the Year” award in France. Very old vines ranging from 50 to 100 years. Dense, chewy wine but also balanced and elegant. Powerful and rich. 90% Grenache blended with Syrah. **Organic. New item.**

2013 à Maurice Malbec Gamache Vineyard Wahluke Slope \$39.99/\$35.99/\$32.39

“On the nose, everything about a plum jumps out of the glass: the skin, flesh and pit. This is a very high toned wine on the palate. The bright and happy tannins are a little intense at first opening. They soften to express more plum notes as well as what feels like walking a spice bazaar. Live acidity showcase the fruit notes of fresh picked plum. 158 cases produced.”

–Winemaker notes. **New vintage.**

2014 Piero Benevelli Nebbiolo Langhe Piedmont \$23.99/\$19.39/\$17.45

No Barolo made in 2014, everything went into this Nebbiolo. Beautiful wine. Light, fragrant, red cherry and red berries, touch of spice and new leather. Medium bodied, pure fruit, fresh and bursting with Nebbiolo flavor. Clean, long finish. Kermit Lynch Import. **New vintage.**

2014 Vietti Rosso Tre Vigne Barbera d’Asti Piedmont \$20.99/\$15.89/\$14.30

“Ripe red cherry aromas with hints of mineral and vanilla. A dry, medium bodied red wine with refreshing acidity (making it perfect to pair with food) and soft tannins, the Barbera d’Asti Tre Vigne is well balanced with good integration of oak, good complexity and a finish of more red cherries.” –Winery notes. **New vintage.**

2010 Château Trillol Rouge Corbières Cucugnan \$19.99/\$13.99/\$12.59

“A wine with depth and complexity. Expressive, frank nose exuding aromas of red fruit, redcurrant, blackcurrant and a hint of oak. The front-of-palate is silky, evolving over the top of discreet but well-structured tannins. Great freshness, prolonging the aromatic expression. An authentic wine.” –Winery notes. **New vintage.**

2012 Montaribaldi Rosso ‘Tre Stelle’ Langhe Piedmont \$15.99/\$13.39/\$12.05

This is a small family operation. The land is farmed sustainably, implementing biodynamic practices wherever possible. The wine is called ‘Tre Stelle’ because it is a blend of the three red stars of the Langhe—34% Nebbiolo, 33% Dolcetto and 33% Barbera. The malolactic fermentation which softens the wine takes place in steel tanks. An elegant and harmonious wine, it is a fruit-forward red with good structure. **New vintage.**

2014 Domaine Jean Louis Denois Les Garrigues Pays d’Oc \$14.99/\$10.99/\$9.89

Luscious, immediate, intense and charming red wine with fine mouthfeel. Typical southern in style with a fine bite from the various Bordeaux grapes. Red and black berries with a little seasoning in the aroma and a fine balance of fruit and tannin. Dominated by Merlot and Syrah, but also with a little Grenache, Cabernet Franc and Cabernet Sauvignon in the blend, which contribute to the complexity. **New vintage.**



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2014 Araldica Albera Barbera d'Asti \$13.99/\$10.29/\$9.26

Barbera was once known as “the people’s wine”, for its versatility and abundant production. Its chief characteristic is a high level of natural acidity even when fully ripe, which makes it ideal for rich Piedmontese cuisine. At best it is lush, plush tastes of cherries, raspberries and a bit of spice, and it is one of the least tannic red grapes in common production. **New vintage.**

White Wines

2015 à Maurice Viognier Gamache Vineyard Wahluke Slope Columbia Valley \$29.99/\$26.19/\$23.57

“Peach flesh, peach skin and peach pit. Citrus persists in the mouth with quince preserves and lemon. Pair with a roast lemon-thyme chicken or mussels with white wine, butter, finely chopped garlic, basil, parsley and spring onion. 230 cases produced.” –Winemaker notes. **New vintage.**

2014 Allegrini Poggio al Tesoro ‘Solosole’ Vermentino Tuscany Italy \$23.99/\$20.39/\$18.35

“The aromas of ripe pineapple and papaya are compelling with hints of cream, too. Full-bodied, dry and flavorful. Lots of Sicilian, bitter lemon, too. Long finish.” - *James Suckling*, 92 points. **New item.**

2015 Long Shadows Nine Hats Pinot Gris Benches Vineyard Horse Heaven Hills \$17.99/\$13.09/\$11.78

“Appealing floral aromas lead to flavors of apricot, grapefruit, honey dew melon and lime zest with a hint of spice. The wine’s viscous mouthfeel is balanced nicely by its crisp acidity. Sourced exclusively from The Benches Vineyard at Wallula (1,400 feet above the Columbia River), where a constant breeze moderates temperatures to capture fresh flavors and give the wine its vibrant mouthfeel.” –Winery notes. **New vintage.**

2015 Pedroncelli Sauvignon Blanc East Side Vineyard Dry Creek Valley Sonoma County \$16.99/\$12.19/\$10.97

“Aromatic with lemongrass and a touch of green apple. The fresh flavors are layered with lime, tropical fruit, and honey. Our Sauvignon Blanc is quite refreshing and tangy with bright acidity and a silky mouthfeel. Please enjoy upon release or within a year or two as no aging is required.” –Winery notes. **New vintage.**

2015 Domaine de Pouy Ugni Blanc Vin de Pays des Côtes de Gascogne \$12.99/\$8.39/\$7.55

Ugni Blanc (called Trebbiano in Italy) and 40% Colombard. Super clean and refreshing. Lots of steely crispness with zesty lemon/lime/grapefruit freshness. Brisk and penetrating fruit flavors of tart granny smith apple, lemon/lime/citrus notes, and a stony-like minerality. The estate is located in the foothills of the Pyrénées. **New vintage.**

Rosé Wines

2015 La Bastide Blanche Bandol Rosé \$27.99/\$20.59/\$18.53

A blend of Mourvèdre with Cinsault and Grenache. The high proportion of Mourvèdre in this traditional Provençal blend offers an intense fruit core of ripe strawberry laced with tangerine zest accented by pungent herbs and a touch of spice. The palate is dense with creamy berry fruit, citrus and stone flavors, ripe and full with bright balancing acidity with terrific density and length. Biodynamic. **Delicious! New vintage.**

2015 Ameztoi Txakolina Rubentis Rosé Spain \$21.99/\$17.79/\$16.01

This Rosé is from the Basque region of Spain. Ameztoi is the producer. Txakolina is the name of the local wine, and the Rubentis is a blend of two native grapes, 50% white Zuri and 50% red Beltza. This Rosé features a pale pink color with bright flavors. High natural acidity and minerality define Txakolina. The wines are fermented in stainless steel and bottled with residual carbonic acid that gives the wine its natural spritz.

2015 La Mascaronne Rosé Quat Saisons Côtes De Provence \$19.99/\$16.79/\$15.11

A quintessential Provençal Rosé that’s made from 50% Cinsault, 30% Grenache and 20% Syrah. The proprietor is American businessman Tom Bove, who made a name for himself with his previous Provence estate and winery, Château Miraval, when he sold it to Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie. At La Mascaronne, one of the things he loves most is the rocky soil, rich in limestone which provides that backbone of steely minerality you taste in this wine. **New vintage.**

2015 Domaine de la Réaltière Pastel Rosé Coteaux d’Aix-en-Provence \$18.99/\$15.99/\$14.39

A Provençal Rosé made from 45% Cinsault, 45% Grenache and 10% Cabernet Sauvignon. Fresh minerality and notes of citrus fruits and red fruits which are delicious in the mouth with a satisfying finish.”We banish herbicide, pesticide and synthetic chemical fertilizers. The harsh climate of this region induces a slow and complete ripening of the grapes. Stainless steel tanks.” –Winery notes. **A rare wine!**

2015 Domaine de Fenouillet Rosé Côtes du Ventoux \$17.99/\$13.99/\$12.59

This small domaine in the village of Beaumes de Venise is run by two brothers, Patrick and Vincent Soard, fourth-generation vigneron. The organically-farmed vineyards are spread out among seven nearby communes. A blend of 50% Cinsault, 40% Grenache and 10% Syrah that get their pale pink color from saignée. Floral and fruity, this is a fresh, delightful pink. **New item.**

2015 Lafage Miraflores Rosé Côtes du Roussillon \$16.99/\$13.99/\$12.59

Pale pink, this incredibly beautiful Rosé is a blend of 70% Mourvèdre and 30% Grenache Gris. The aromas lead with light, wild strawberry and a touch of watermelon rind. Bright notes of minerality round out the aromas. Outstanding acidity and juicy fruit create a wonderfully refreshing wine. **New vintage.**

From Our Cellar-Inquire

2009 Clos des Papes Châteauneuf du Pape \$121.39
Wine Spectator, 96 points

2009 Leonetti Cellar Cabernet Sauvignon Columbia Valley \$101.39
Wine Advocate, 95 points

1999 Chateau Ste. Michelle Cabernet Sauvignon \$29.99
Wine Advocate, 91 points



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