

WEEKLY WINE UPDATE

The Leschi Wine Department recently had the privilege of sitting down with Darby English, Owner/Winemaker of Darby Winery, to taste new releases and catch up on current wines. If you are a fan of Darby's wines, you already know what they are all about. If you have not yet experienced these wines, now is the chance. These wines are tasting off the chart great right now and over deliver in the quality-to-price-point ratio. Tasting notes for these standouts go like this:

2012 Darby Flipside GSM Columbia Valley (\$39.99)

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-Winemaker notes.

2013 Darby 'The Dark Side' Syrah Columbia Valley (\$26.99)

"Ripe flavors of sweet spice, blackberry, sage and a layer of smoky minerality seem to last forever. Very complex, this Syrah is big but has a velvety texture and will age nicely over the next five years."
-Winemaker notes.

2015 Darby "Purple Haze" Red Blend Columbia Valley (\$18.99)

"The 2015 Purple Haze is the most popular \$20 wine in Washington! And for good reason. The new release is a blend of Cabernet, Merlot, Malbec, Cab Franc and a dash of Syrah. As always it is super soft and luscious! Big bold notes of blackberry, tobacco and cedar will also make this a great food wine. 775 cases made."
-Winemaker notes.

Steve, Ken, Ed, Kenny, John, Chad, Lisa, & Ben

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Red Wines

2014 Jean-Louis Chave Saint-Joseph Rouge \$107.99/\$88.99/\$80.09

"Wine readers should buy it by the case. It's not going to be the longest-lived St Joseph out there, but it's absolutely loaded with character. I was able to drink a bottle of this over lunch and it's one of those bottles that are always the first to be emptied. Ripe, polished and sexy, with medium-bodied richness." -*Langdon Shiverick Imports*, 92 points. **New item.**

2012 Darby Flipside GSM Columbia Valley \$45.99/\$39.99/\$35.99

"This is highly sought after blend tends to sell out fast each year. It offers a complex array of dried herb, dark cherry and tobacco and has a long full finish. A blend of Grenache, Syrah and Mourvèdre. 225 cases produced." -Winemaker notes. **New vintage. Quite nice!**

2013 Darby 'The Dark Side' Syrah Columbia Valley \$32.99/\$26.99/\$24.29

"Ripe flavors of sweet spice, blackberry, sage and a layer of smoky minerality seem to last forever. Very complex, this Syrah is big but has a velvety texture and will age nicely over the next five years." -Winemaker notes. **New vintage.**

2013 Cantina Boffa Barbaresco Piemonte \$39.99/\$31.99/\$28.79

It's small (4 hectares), specialized in the production of the great red wines of the zone. Viticulture and winemaking is looked after by Carlo Boffa, whilst wife Laura takes care of the running of the business. The Boffa Barbaresco is complex, earthy, elegant, juicy, full-bodied, and delicate and has mineral tones. **New item. Extremely limited.**

2014 Leschi Cellars Lakeside Reserve Red Blend Walla Walla \$23.99/\$19.99/\$17.99

"We have been listening. This red blend hails from Walla Walla and possesses all of the traits you have been looking for—deep velvety fruit balanced by supple tannins and acidity. Enjoy daily or pair with Leschi Market's famous prime rib. **New item. A serious wine.**

2015 Darby "Purple Haze" Red Blend Columbia Valley \$21.99/\$18.99/\$17.09

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2014 Kerloo Blue Mountain Syrah Walla Walla Valley \$21.99/\$18.99/\$17.09

"Vibrant aromas of violet, herb, orange peel, smoked meat and plum lead to dense fruit flavors brightened by snappy acidity. It shows uncommon purity and depth that kicks it up a notch, along with enough tannic heft that cellaring will be rewarded. The balance is impeccable. Editors' Choice." -*Sean P. Sullivan*, 93 points. **New vintage.**

2015 Tami' Rosso Nero d'Avola Sicily \$19.99/\$14.99/\$13.49

At the forefront of Sicily's natural wine movement is winemaker Arianna Occhipinti, who has really made waves with her biodynamic Nero d'Avola. Tami' is a joint project between Arianna and a handful of friends and neighbors. This well-priced wine is aromatic yet delicate with notes of darker berry fruits, wild sage and anise. **New vintage.**

2016 Leschi Cellars Rouge McNary Vineyard Horse Heaven Hills \$15.99/\$12.99/\$11.69

"Started in 1948, little has changed at Seattle's favorite neighborhood market. In the spirit of uncompromised quality, we have fashioned this balanced blend of Cabernet and Merlot. Meant to be enjoyed young, it has been aged in neutral French barrels to allow the dark subtleties of this cooler-climate vineyard site to beam forth. -Winery notes. **New item. Buy it by the case!**

2014 Pogni Red Chianti Tuscany \$14.99/\$11.19/\$10.07

Intense ruby red color; wine and warm aroma, with light spicy notes. Round and full wine, with soft and elegant tannin. Long and persistent on the finish. 85% Sangiovese, 10% Canaiolo and 5% Colorino. **New item.**



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White Wines

2015 Talbott Kali-Hart Chardonnay Monterey
\$26.99/\$19.99/\$17.99

"A pure fruit expression of Talbott Chardonnay, Kali Hart is lush and lively. The rich, inviting nose shows bright tropical notes that continue on the palate, where refreshing flavors of pineapple and honeydew are complemented by refreshing acidity. A generous mid-palate leads to a long citrus and tropical fruit finish with hints of French oak and minerality." —Winemaker notes. **New vintage.**

2014 Davis Bynum Chardonnay River West Vineyard Russian River Valley \$24.99/\$19.99/\$17.99

"A core of pineapples, guava and apricots, plus a suggestion of toasty oak. Medium-bodied, it has a lovely silkiness to the texture and plenty of tropical fruit and toasty flavors on offer in the mouth with a lively line of acid lending freshness, finishing long. Yeah, I just love finding great value wines like this that are produced in decent quantities and over-deliver on quality!" —*Wine Advocate*, 91 points. **Worth the praise.**

2009 Domaine Ernest Burn Alsatian Riesling \$21.99/\$18.69/\$16.82

This is the domain's estate Riesling, a wine of impeccable clarity, delicacy and elegance. Delicious notes of honeysuckle. Salty minerals dust the palate as the wine finishes with delicious suggestions of dried apricots, quince, and lime zest. This is quintessential Alsatian Riesling that with seven years of age is just hitting its stride.

New item. Not too sweet just right.

2016 Pedroncelli Sauvignon Blanc East Side Vineyards Dry Creek Valley \$16.99/\$12.19/\$10.97

"This vivid white features lemon-lime flavors, with whiffs of peach blossom and lemon verbena adding aromatic intensity. Fleshy and juicy on the finish. Drink now. - *Wine Spectator*, 89 points

2014 House of Independent Producers Chardonnay Dionysus Vineyard Columbia Valley \$16.99/\$10.69/\$9.62

"Crisp, fresh and fragrant Chardonnay, with stone fruit and citrus on the nose, accompanied by a delicious hint of sage. A perfect reflection of the unique terroir of the Columbia Valley."

—Winemaker notes. **New vintage. Best Seller.**

Rosé Wines

2016 Kerloo Cellars Rosé Painted Hills Grenache Columbia-Valley
\$22.99/\$20.59/\$18.53

"If you love French wines, this is your new best friend. Pretty notes of wild strawberry, pink grapefruit and mineral make this Rosé magnifique. Only 352 cases produced."

—Winemaker notes. **New vintage.**

2016 Cedergreen Viola Rosé Skyline Vineyard Columbia Valley
\$16.99/\$13.09/\$11.78

"Gamay Noir is a very old cultivar, showing vibrant fruit expressions reminiscent of crushed strawberries and raspberries, as well as deep floral notes of lilac and violets. 100% stainless steel. A Viola is fine company for a fruit plate, cold chicken salad or smoked trout. Enjoy! 151 cases produced."

—Kevin Cedergreen, Winemaker. **New vintage. An annual favorite.**

2016 Cepa 21 Hito Rosado Ribera del Duero Spain
\$16.99/\$13.99/\$12.59

"The just-bottled 2016 Hito Rosado was produced with Tempranillo grapes from young vineyards planted at altitudes ranging from 750 to 800 meters. It's a pale colored, fragrant Rosé with some rose petal aromas. The palate is quite refreshing and clean, with good acidity and length. Drink now through 2018."

—*Wine Advocate*, 88 points. **New item.**

2016 Vallevó Rosato Montepulciano D'Abruzzo
\$14.99/\$11.19/\$10.07

Medium bodied, quite intense and persistent, fruity and floral with aromas of medlar, peach and orange blossom. Full-bodied, quite well-balanced, intense and persistent. **New item.**

2016 Ormilles Rosé Côtes de Provence \$13.99/\$10.69/\$9.62

Finely balanced Rosé, bright peach, pink grapefruit and red berry fruit flavors with good minerality. The wine shows lively final acidity for a delicious aftertaste. Great with salads, fish and chicken dishes.

New item.

Rosé Champagne

Henriot Brut Rosé Champagne NV \$88.99/\$59.49/\$53.54

"A beautiful range of aromatic spices accents the white raspberry, pastry and pink grapefruit notes in this harmonious rosé. There's tension to the knit of vibrant acidity and chalky texture, driving this to a lasting, mineral finish. Drink now through 2020.

—*Wine Spectator*, 93 points **Wonderful price.**

Rosé Sparkling

Roederer Estate Brut Rosé Anderson Valley NV
\$36.99/\$24.99/\$22.49

"A complex and complete wine with everything in place, this tastes delicious from the first whiff to the lingering finish. It has fresh-baked bread and light peach aromas and white-cherry flavors. Well balanced, it's layered on a subtle level and harmonious. Editors' Choice."

— *Wine Enthusiast*, 93 points

From Our Cellar-Limited-Inquire

2013 J. L. Chave Hermitage Rouge \$307.99
95 points, *Wine Spectator*

2013 Reynvaan Family Vineyards The Classic Cabernet \$72.99
92 points, *Wine Spectator*

2014 Turley Buck Cobb Zinfandel \$32.99
91 points, *Robert Parker*



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

