

WEEKLY WINE UPDATE

This week's Wine Update is full of new arrivals and great finds. It is tough to only highlight a couple here, so we strongly encourage you to look through it in its entirety.

Here are two treasures from inside the Update.

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Drink now. Limited.

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Red Wines

2015 Mark Ryan Red Blend Dead Horse Mountain \$57.99/\$54.99/\$49.49

"Ripe red and black currant fruits, dusty earth, minerality, graphite and savory aromas and flavors. Big, rich, unctuous and textured, it has plenty of tannin and is going to benefit from short term cellaring. 88% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8% Merlot, 3% Cabernet Franc and 1% Petit Verdot." – *Wine Advocate*, 92-94 points. **New vintage.**

2013 àMaurice Night Owl Estate Red Blend Walla Walla Valley \$50.99/\$43.89/\$39.50

"Offering an exotic, complex bouquet of lavender, wild herbs, loamy earth and both red and black fruits. 55% Merlot, 27% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Cabernet Franc and 9% Petit Verdot. Elegant, supple and finesse driven on the palate. This is a sexy, forward effort that will nevertheless keep nicely for a decade given its purity and balance. Drink: 2016 – 2026." – *Wine Advocate*, 93 points. **New vintage.**

2013 Fall Line Exhibition Red Yakima Valley \$27.99/\$23.39/\$21.05

"This blend of Merlot (40%), Cabernet Franc (29%), Petit Verdot (18%) and Cabernet Sauvignon (13%) opens with quite pure aromas of fresh herbs, flowers, anise and red fruit that are followed by sumptuous red-fruit flavors that show vitality." – *Sean P. Sullivan*, 90 points. **New vintage.**

2014 J.L. Chave Selection "Mon Coeur" Côtes du Rhône \$26.99/\$23.39/\$21.05

Mon Coeur ("my heart") is a unique Jean-Louis Chave wine not just because of the appellation, but because of its grape sources. Eight excellent vineyards in the areas of Valreas, Visan and Buisson all chosen for their low yields and exceptional quality of fruit where used. The wines sweet spices are alluring characteristics of this elegant wine. **New vintage.**

2016 Neyers Zinfandel Vista Luna Vineyard Borden Ranch \$29.99/\$22.39/\$20.15

"Our 2016 Vista Luna Zinfandel has lower alcohol levels, yet the wine is made from fully ripened fruit 100% 'Heirloom' Zinfandel, fermented using native wild yeast, and aged 10 months in neutral 60-gallon French oak barrels. It was bottled without fining or filtration." – Winery notes. **New item.**

2014 Château Pégau Cuvée Maclura \$23.99/\$18.69/\$16.82

Twenty short minutes is all it took for Laurence and Paul Féraud to fall in love with the old Provençal property renamed Château Pégau in 2012. With a strong experience at the illustrious Domaine du Pégau, they managed to impart the wines from their recent acquisition with terroir character and quality. The Maclura cuvee underwent no aging in oak casks. **New vintage.**

2013 Ross Andrew Cabernet Sauvignon Red Mountain \$22.99/\$18.69/\$16.82

"The wine is a stunner and probably the most exciting wine I've put in bottle for this variety. Impressive black fruit aromas bolstered by red currant, fresh cedar and a hint of spice. As it opens the wine takes on the subtle notes of a World Class Cabernet Sauvignon: Black olive, mineral, and liquid iron." – Ross Andrew Mickel, Winemaker. **New item. Great Price Point!**

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2015 Arnoux Vieux Clocher 'Nobles Terrasses' Gigondas \$31.99/\$23.39/\$21.05

"Deep ruby. Ripe red fruits, licorice and lavender on the nose, joined by a slowly emerging smoky nuance. Sweet and focused on the palate, offering juicy raspberry and cherry flavors underscored by a lively mineral element. Finishes with nervy cut, spicy lift and gentle tannic grip, leaving a candied licorice note behind." – *Vinous*, 90 points. **New vintage.**

2015 Cedergreen Cellars Gamay Noir Columbia Valley \$21.99/\$16.99/\$15.29

"Gamay Noir is a lesser-known varietal outside of France that requires just the right microclimate, which we have found at Skyline Vineyard. Skyline's high elevation creates a cooler site, delivering delicate tannins and a silky, smooth mouthfeel along with vibrant expressions of youthful fruit, reminiscent of bright crushed strawberries and raspberries. 165 cases produced." – Winemaker notes. **New item.**



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2011 Bodegas LAN Rioja Reserva Tempranillo Rioja Spain
\$21.99/16.79/\$15.11

"Bright deep garnet color. Aromas of red fruits blended with notes of vanilla and spices. The mouth is structured, fleshy and filling. 92% Tempranillo, 8% Graciano selected grapes from 20-25 years old vines coming from parcels located in Rioja Alta and Rioja Alavesa." -Winemaker notes. **New vintage.**

2015 The Better Half Pinot Noir Marlborough New Zealand
\$19.99/\$15.89/\$14.30

"Dark and fleshy, offering a vibrant mix of black cherry and plum flavors, with gingerbread and clove accents. A touch of fresh clay adds some appealing structure on the finish. Drink now through 2026." -Wine Spectator, 90 points. (George Elworthy is the winemaker and the significant other, or better half, of Jules Taylor.) **New item.**

2005 Harlequin Syrah Minick Vineyard Yakima Valley
\$24.99/\$13.99/\$12.59

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2015 douROSA Red Douro Portugal \$16.99/\$13.99/\$12.59

The wine has plenty of cherry and cassis fruit flavors on the nose, cedar and spice on the palate. There is a good brightness and freshness to the wine and plenty of complexity. The wine is perfect to drink with many different types of meals as it has a good equilibrium in tannins and acidity. A blend of 35% Touriga Nacional, 35% Touriga Francaband and 30% Tinta Roriz. **New vintage.**

2016 Nicolas Idiart Pinot Noir Val de Loire \$17.99/\$9.99/\$8.99

This Pinot Noir is produced from vines which range in age from 21 to 40 years. They are planted on limestone soil in the village of Marigny-Brizay, which is south of Chinon. Cool maceration in stainless steel vats for five days, then fermentation for twelve days. Malolactic fermentation and aging in stainless steel vats. **New item.**

White Wines

2015 Domaine Gerard Fiou Blanc Sancerre Loire
\$26.99/\$22.39/\$20.15

"A piercing, bone-dry style, with chalk and flint notes driving through the core of gooseberry and thyme. Mouthwatering and lengthy, showing crystal-clear purity on the finish. A rapier. Drink now through 2021."
 - *Wine Spectator*, 92 points. **New item.**

2015 Albert Bichot Chablis Domaine Long-Depaquit
\$28.99/\$20.59/\$18.53

The grapes used to craft this wine come from the Domaine Long-Depaquit Estate, which is known for producing wines of great complexity and elegance. The nose shows delicious white flowers and flinty stone characteristics, yet the mouth feel has a wonderful creamy almond richness that must be experienced to be understood and appreciated. **New item.**

2016 Villa Sparina Gavi di Gavi Italy \$17.99/\$14.99/\$13.49

"The white pepper and dried pineapple are intense on the nose. Full bodied, layered and flavorful. Lightly oily. Intense on the finish. Serious Gavi as always. Drink now." -*James Suckling*, 92 points. **New vintage.**

2016 Cedergreen Cellars Sauvignon Blanc Yakima Valley
\$16.99/\$13.99/\$12.59

"Dry, brilliantly crisp and clean with juicy lemon, apricot and nectarine flavors. Think shrimp, scallops, crab and oysters sizzling over a wood fire, an icy cold glass of Sauvignon Blanc a fine partner." -Winemaker notes. **New vintage.**

2016 Barnard Griffin Chardonnay Columbia Valley
\$19.99/\$10.79/\$9.71

Although the vintage was one of the hottest on record and harvest was earlier than usual, cool nights allowed acids to develop. The result is a Chardonnay with pleasing balance, rich bright fruit with a refreshing finish. Malolactic fermentation was limited to 35 % to sustain acidity and created citrusy aromas that would complement a wide array of food options. **New vintage.**

2016 Secret de Berticot Sauvignon Blanc Côtes de Duras
\$13.99/\$10.29/\$9.26

"Attractive, baked aromas and flavors of wildflowers, baked pears, honeyed dried apricots and dried banana with a lively, dry light-to-medium body and a complex, long meadow brook stones, celery leaf, kiwi, lemon, and melon, and coconut water finish with fine, fruit tannins. A divine subtle white reminiscent of a picnic in the French countryside. Exceptional. Best Buy."
 -*Tastings.com*, 94 points. **New item.**

2016 Greenstone Point Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough New Zealand
\$16.99/\$9.39/\$8.45

This wine is the absolute BEST BUY in New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc! Bright and zingy, a marvelously fresh mouthful of passion fruit, citrus, gooseberry, and floral aromas and flavors that persist intriguingly on the racy finish. This stuff is very tasty stuff! **New item.**

From Our Cellar-Limited-Inquire

2012 St. Cosme Gigondas Le Poste \$83.99
Wine Spectator, 96 points

2012 St. Cosme Gigondas Hominis Fides \$83.99
Wine Spectator, 95 points

2012 St. Cosme Gigondas Valbelle \$60.79
Wine Spectator, 94 points



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