

WEEKLY WINE UPDATE

As the sun sets on 2017 and we prepare for 2018, we at Leschi Market want to thank everyone for their support over the last year. We look forward to serving your needs in 2018, in what will be Leschi Market's 70th Anniversary in the community! Cheers and Happy New Year!

A trifecta of goodness:

2013 Keenan Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley (\$49)

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— *Vinous*, 93+ points.

2016 Hahn "SLH" Pinot Noir Santa Lucia Highlands (\$24)

"This is a lot of heady wine for a relatively affordable price. Aromas of black-cherry syrup, baked black plum, nutmeg, clove and gingerbread make for an attention-grabbing nose. The hearty palate shows similar elements, along with black peppercorn, Christmas spice, dense blackberry paste, chaparral scrub and pine-forest notes. Editors' Choice."
— *Wine Enthusiast*, 91 points.

2014 Château La Tour Saint Blaise Côtes de Bordeaux (\$12.99)

Complex nose of black fruit (candied cherry) with hints of toast. In the mouth supple and fruity, followed by notes of blackberry and smooth tannins on a long and pleasant finish. 85% Merlot and 15% Cabernet Sauvignon. A New Leschi Favorite!

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Red Wines

2014 Domaine Michel Gros Nuits St Georges 1er Cru \$119.99/\$102.99/\$92.69

"It has a slightly earthier bouquet but the black fruit is nicely integrated with the 50% new oak. The palate is medium-bodied with crisp tannins and a keen thread of acidity that imparts appreciable tension. There is commendable vigor here, perhaps more linear than previous vintages that I have tasted, leading to a precise, slightly spicy finish. This is another fine 2014 from Michel Gros. Drink 2018-2030." — *Wine Advocate*. **New item.**

2015 Lingua Franca Pinot Noir Ribbon Ridge "JJS" \$59.99/\$51.99/\$46.79

"Delicate and pretty, with a vibrant structure and balanced but demure notes of cherry and strawberry, accented by mineral and spice details. Drink now through 2021. 345 cases made."
— *Wine Spectator*, 90 points. **New item.**

2013 Keenan Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley \$64.99/\$49.49/\$44.54

"Deep and powerful from the get go, with beams of supporting tannin and acidity that give the wine its sense of proportion. There are plenty of nuances in the dark fruit, along with terrific aromatic complexity, but today the tannins are imposing, to say the least. Readers should be prepared to cellar the 2013 for at least a few years, but even that may not be enough. This is another terrific example of the vintage." — *Vinous*, 93+ points. **New vintage.**

2015 Bergström Cumberland Reserve Pinot Noir Willamette Valley \$53.99/\$41.09/\$36.98

"Coming from the best barrels from five vineyards, this label is what Josh Bergstrom considers the essence of the Willamette Valley. It has notes of black raspberries and red currents with hints of spice box and forest floor. Medium-bodied, it fills the palate with vibrant red and black berry flavors, supported by grainy tannins and a lively line of acid, finishing with good length."
— *Wine Advocate*, 91 points. **New vintage.**

2014 Domaine Denis Berthaut Fixin Rouge Grand Vins de Bourgogne \$43.99/\$33.59/\$30.23

Domaine Berthaut has been a family-owned estate for seven generations; it is today run by Denis Berthaut and his daughter Amelie. This wine is a blend of grapes from four small vineyards in Fixin, with some of the vines being upwards of fifty years old; juicy, very fresh, and fruit-driven, with a light touch and great finesse, it is supple, even silky and very approachable. **New vintage.**

2016 Hahn "SLH" Pinot Noir Santa Lucia Highlands \$31.99/\$24.29/\$21.86

"This is a lot of heady wine for a relatively affordable price. Aromas of black-cherry syrup, baked black plum, nutmeg, clove and gingerbread make for an attention-grabbing nose. The hearty palate shows similar elements, along with black peppercorn, Christmas spice, dense blackberry paste, chaparral scrub and pine-forest notes. Editors' Choice."
— *Wine Enthusiast*, 91 points. **New vintage.**

2014 Château Rombeau Pierre de la Fabrègue Côtes du Roussillon \$27.99/\$23.39/\$21.05

Aromas of cassis, licorice twist and candied walnut. Delightfully full bodied, with rounded, mouth-coating tannins relieved by bustling acidity, this is a drinker with or without food. There's a sublime balance of extravagance and nuance, and the palate reflects the characteristics of the nose in the most satisfying way. **New item.**

2014 Château Eugénie Cuvée Réserve Malbec-Tannat Cahors \$21.99/\$18.69/\$16.82

"Named after the grandfather (Aïeul in the local patois) of the current owner, the wine is concentrated and powerful. It is rich wine with a smooth character that belies the dense tannins behind it. Blackberry fruit and tight acidity give this wine aging potential. Drink from 2020. Cellar Selection." — *Wine Enthusiast*, 92 points. **New vintage.**

2016 Le Fraghe Bardolino Cavaion Veronese Italy \$17.99/\$14.99/\$13.49

"A young, fresh Bardolino only aged in stainless steel; this is a modern wine in terms of the screwcap closure and very low sulfite content, but concerning all the rest it is a champion of the most elegant side of Northeastern Italian classicism. Easy to drink and like, excellent price for its quality." — *Winemaker notes*. **New vintage.**



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2016 Gascon Malbec Mendoza \$18.99/\$13.99/\$12.59

“Opens with intense aromas of blackberry, plum and a hint of mocha. Dark fruit flavors intertwine with notes of spice, licorice and chocolate to create a magnificent, full-bodied Malbec. Round tannins and a plush mouthfeel lead the way to a long, velvety finish.”

—Winemaker notes. **New vintage.**

2015 Clos La Coutale Cahors France \$16.99/\$13.99/\$12.59

“The Coutale Cahors is undoubtedly a classic, value wine. This deep garnet stunner, predominantly Malbec with a touch of Merlot, has elegance and rusticity, juicy ripe fruit and earthy aromas, and bears a velvety finish that will only soften with time. Try some now or stash it in your cellar to watch it unfold.” —Anthony Lynch. **New vintage.**

2015 Charles Helfenbein ‘La Syrah’ Collines Rhodaniennes France \$16.99/\$13.99/\$12.59

Grown on the steep slopes of the Collines Rhodaniennes. The bouquet offers a wealth of ripe fruit and spices. Warm and fleshy mouth with an almost biting texture. **New item.**

2014 Château La Tour Saint Blaise Côtes de Bordeaux \$17.99/\$12.99/\$11.69

Complex nose of black fruit (candied cherry) with hints of toast. In the mouth supple and fruity, followed by notes of blackberry and smooth tannins on long and pleasant finish. 85% Merlot and 15% Cabernet Sauvignon. **New item. New Leschi Favorite!**

2016 Domaine Brunely Rouge Ventoux Rhône \$12.99/\$8.39/\$7.55

“From the makers of the famed Château de Beaucastel Châteauneuf-du-Pape comes this Ventoux red. Intense flavors of red fruit, spice and black pepper characterize a soft, round yet structured wine. Great value for the money.” —Winemaker notes. **New vintage.**

White Wines

2016 Domaine du Vieux Télégraphe Châteauneuf-du-Pape Blanc \$86.99/\$74.99/\$67.49

“Ripe and rich, but focused, with verbena, bitter almond and wet stone notes threading through the core of creamed yellow apple, pear and melon flavors. Very long, with a gorgeous salted butter echo. Drink now through 2020.” —*Wine Spectator*, 95 points. **New vintage.**

2016 Palmento Costanzo Bianco Mofete Etna \$32.99/\$27.99/\$25.19

Mimmo and Valeria Costanzo are among Etna's newest producers, focusing on small production of natural wines. Working out of a renovated 100-year-old winery. “Fruity and flowery at the nose, with yellow citrus pulp, balsamic and mineral hints. Fresh, long, structured in mouth. 70% Carricante 30% Catarratto.”

—Winemaker notes. **New item.**

2016 L'Ecole No 41 Semillon Columbia Valley \$19.99/\$13.09/\$11.78

“Few Semillons show their richness and complexity as those produced in Washington State. Our cool harvest nights help to ensure crisp natural acidity, making this a wonderful food pairing wine. Rich with vibrant fruit and balanced acidity, this wine shows pretty orange blossom with layers of fresh lemongrass, yellow apple and Ananas melon that expand on a clean finish.” —Winemaker notes. **New vintage.**

2016 Terredora Dipaolo di Paolo Falanghina Irpinia \$18.99/\$12.19/\$10.97

“Pale yellow in color with rich and intense aroma of fruit with hints of apple, pineapple, quince and pear. This wine is fresh and clean in the mouth with excellent acidity, good structure and a strong finish.”

—Winemaker notes. **New vintage.**

2016 Cave de Saumur “Les Pouches” Saumur Blanc Loire Valley \$13.99/\$9.39/\$8.45

Deliciously bone dry Chenin Blanc from the Loire Valley. Grapes are from small parcels and blended into a special cuvée by a co-op who worked together to craft this wonderful summer sipper. Intense aromas of white fruit, flowers, and citrus on the nose. Mouthwatering acidity with a citrusy, mineral finish. Pair with flakey white fish. **New vintage.**

2016 Mont Gravet Blanc Côtes de Gascogne \$9.99/\$7.49/\$6.74

“Mont Gravet has a pale, bright yellow color, with a very intense and refreshing nose. It displays flavors of citrus fruit and blackcurrant leaf. This wine will express itself best as an aperitif or with any seafood. Serve chilled at 50 degrees F.” —Winemaker notes. **New vintage.**

From Our Cellar-Limited-Inquire

2006 Quilceda Creed Red *Wine Advocate*, 92 points

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

