

WEEKLY WINE UPDATE

Does the new year have you wanting to try new things, or new wines from new places? Featured here is a trifecta of affordable wines you should try that, for many, venture out of the comfort zone. Wine from Lisbon, Tikves or Brda? Yes please! Here they are:

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Red Wines

2014 Dunham Cabernet Sauvignon XX Columbia Valley \$53.99/\$41.99/\$37.79

"The wine is amongst the best recent releases that I have tasted from this winery. Opens with a bouquet of sagebrush, black tea, and crème de cassis. The silky mouthfeel coats the mid-palate as the wine reveals deep flavors of black cherry cordial, dark chocolate torte, and suggestions of baking spices that complete this gorgeous wine. Drink now through 2030."

-*International Wine Report*, 93 points. **New vintage.**

2014 DeLille Cellars 'Doyenne' Red Blend Columbia Valley \$39.99/\$36.99/\$33.29

"The classic blend of equal parts Syrah and Cabernet Sauvignon that's brought up in barrel. It has a great nose of toasted spice, black raspberries, currants, lavender and cedar. This gives way to a rounded, sexy, voluptuous and hedonistic red that has moderate acidity, medium to full-bodied richness and a great texture. Drink this sexy red now through 2025."

-*Wine Advocate*, 92 points. **New vintage.**

2015 àMaurice Cellars Malbec Gamache Vineyard Columbia Valley \$39.99/\$35.99/\$32.39

"Strong nose of ripe plum, grilled bread, cloves and blackest of black currants. The tannins hold the stage in this rich wine with notes of blackberries, blueberries, clove and plum on the palate. Medium acidity balances the density of the wine. The long finish persists with plum (flesh and skin) and clove." - Anna Schafer, Winemaker. **New vintage.**

2015 Domaine Overnoy-Crinquand Rouge Arbois-Pupillin Trousseau \$37.99/\$33.99/\$30.59

Crinquand's version, vinified in barrel in similar manner to his Ploussard is more fine and elegant than the other Trousseau available in the market and is less rustic than Crinquand's Ploussard. The Trousseau plantings are isolated in vineyards the composition of which is a classic mix of clay and limestone dominated by small pebbles and stones. **Certified Organic. New item.**

2015 Domaine Overnoy-Crinquand Rouge Arbois-Pupillin Ploussard \$36.99/\$32.99/\$29.69

The lime-clay soils of the vineyards are heavily laden with stones. The light color of this wine reflects the grey-rose blush to the skin of the grape which then leads to a surprisingly tannic texture; a rough, sauvage, grey-rose blush to the skin of the grape which then leads to a surprisingly tannic texture. Drawn from the oldest Ploussard vines of the domaine. **Certified Organic. New item.**

2014 Brady Cellars Cabernet Sauvignon Blue Mountain Vineyard Walla Walla Valley \$34.99/\$31.99/\$28.79

"This is a full-bodied Cabernet that shows a balance of fruit and earth. Aromas of berry jam are mixed with hints of smoke, clay pot and dried herbs. Flavors of black cherry are balanced with notes of wet gravel, cocoa powder and herbes de Provence. 440 cases produced. Gold Medal in 2017 Savor NW Wine Awards and the 2017 Cascadia Wine Competition."

-*Kim Brady, Winemaker*, 92 points. **New vintage.**

It's so nice to taste a decadent Cab without the oak and alcohol.

2013 Elvio Tintero Barbaresco Piedmont \$29.99/\$23.39/\$21.05

Classic notes of tar, leather, violet, chocolate and truffles. Mouth coating chocolate notes are pretty pronounced with good fleshy tannic characteristic. "Aromatic, well-structured, and approachable, this Barbaresco is only made in exceptional vintages and is ready to drink. Enjoy its bright cherry flavor, silky texture and smooth tannins." -A Kermit Lynch selection. **New item.**

2014 Battenfeld Spanier Spätburgunder Holzfass \$24.99/\$21.39/\$19.25

This Spätburgunder AKA Pinot Noir hails from the Rheinhessen region of Germany and was grown organically and biodynamically by a very talented husband and wife team who also grow top-tier Riesling. Light-bodied and vivacious, this sprightly, delicious, sour cherry-scented wine was aged in large oak foudres, and really raises the bar for German Pinot Noir. **New item.**



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2014 Maison Bleue G.S.M. 'Métis' Columbia Valley
\$32.99/\$19.99/\$17.99

"This outstanding blend of 51% Syrah, 33% Grenache and 16% Mourvèdre opens with red cherry, rose petals and smoked pork shoulder. This leads to deep flavors of black tea, black cherry, coffee grounds and baking spices. The wine is polished and has a wonderful texture, showing nice opulence from the warm vintage. Best 2017-2026."
 - *International Wine Report*, 92 points. **New vintage.** Jon Meuret, Winemaker delays the release of his wines to add age to the wine.

2015 Catena Malbec Mendoza Argentina \$26.99/\$19.59/\$17.63

"The impressive 2015 Catena Malbec is subtle, balanced and elegant. This is a complex blend that showcases the typicity of Malbec in the province of Mendoza with perfumed notes of violets and black cherries, and a touch of spices. The palate has great balance, elegance and subtleness with very fine tannins. Great value for money. Drink now through 2020." - *Wine Advocate*, 91 points. **New vintage.**

2015 Les Clos Perdus Cuvée 131 Rouge Corbières
\$19.99/\$15.99/\$14.39

"Carignan 50% delivers freshness, with Grenache 35% bringing mid-palate weight and Mourvèdre 15% adding intensity and complexity. Predominantly sourced from parcels in the Corbières Maritimes, there are often additions from the Hautes Corbières to bring tension to the blend. Fermentation with indigenous yeast Bottled without fining or filtration." - Winemaker notes. **New item.**

2015 Winner's Tank Hawks Shiraz Langhorne Creek Australia
\$21.99/\$14.99/\$13.49

"A perfumed bouquet evokes ripe berries, candied flowers and licorice, along with hints of olive and cured tobacco in the background. Lively blackberry, cola and floral pastille flavors are given back-end spiciness by a touch of black pepper. The clinging finish features fine-grained tannins and repeating floral and licorice character."
 - *Josh Reynolds, Vinous*, 90 points. **New vintage.**

2015 Château la Caminade Cahors \$17.99/\$14.99/\$13.49

The Ressès family has been making wine here since 1895 and Dominique and Richard represent the fourth generation. More traditional and closer to the old "inky black" wine of Cahors. Malbec at its best. Dark, black fruit, dry and rustic. Sanguine with grip and persistence. **New vintage.**

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\$12.99/\$9.39/\$8.45

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White Wines

2016 Chalk Hill Chardonnay Sonoma Coast \$32.99/\$20.39/\$18.35

"Aromas of yellow apple, melon, citrus zest and mango meld beautifully with notes of toasted hazelnut and vanilla custard from the oak aging. Pure and rich with an elegant palate, it displays fruit-forward flavors of golden apple, nectarine, and guava with subtle hints of butterscotch. Remarkable acidity and mineral notes that complement the rich and full flavors of baked apples, and vanilla cream."
 - Winemaker notes. **New vintage.**

2014 Foxglove Chardonnay Central Coast \$20.99/\$14.99/\$13.49

"Bright, juicy and exuberant. Lemon peel, white flowers and mint meld together in a rich, beautifully layered Chardonnay long on class. Aging in steel and blocked malolactic fermentation keep the flavors bright, but there is no shortage of depth or intensity. This is a fabulous wine, especially considering its modest price."
 - *Antonio Gallon, Vinous*, 90 points. **New vintage.**

2016 Avancia Cuvée de O Godello Valdeorras Spain
\$19.99/\$13.99/\$12.59

"This rich white offers a thick, polished texture, with bright flavors of peach, tangerine and tarragon. Firm acidity is well-integrated, giving way to peach and mineral notes on the finish. Harmonious. Drink now through 2024." - *Wine Spectator*, 90 points. **New vintage.**

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2016 Château Tertre de Launay Blanc Entre-Deux-Mers Bordeaux
\$15.99/\$9.39/\$8.45

This dry white is the main focus of the 4th generation of the Greffier family, representing over 90% of the production. Thanks to a delicate balance of different grape varieties - Sémillon, Sauvignon Blanc and Muscadelle - it boasts attractive fruit, and finesse. **New vintage.**

From Our Cellar-Inquire

2010 Leonetti Cellar Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve
Wine Advocate, 100 points

2011 Leonetti Cellar Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve
Wine Spectator, 94 points

2012 Leonetti Cellar Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve
Wine Advocate, 98 points



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