

Santiam Wine & Bistro April Red Cheap & Cheerful \$96.30

2021 Nine Hats Cabernet Sauvignon Columbia Valley, WA. \$19 Structured yet approachable, with appealing black cherry, savory herb, and spice flavors that speed toward refined tannins. Drink now through 2029. **90 Points Wine Spectator**

2016 Radicle Vine Company Cabernet Franc, Oregon \$15 Purple hues of boysenberry and mulberry meets maroon and dark sienna at its core. Wafting aromatics of dried herbs and tobacco leaf dominate subtle notes of blue fruits and vanilla. The compacted clay soils and high elevation northern exposure acts as a balance to the traditionally warm Yakima Valley vintages, as flavors of red fruits and dried thyme flow into a juicy lingering finish. Though Cab Franc traditionally has the weight and tannins for medium to long term aging, the 2016 Radicle Vine Cabernet Franc, crafted as an everyday drinking table wine. **PAIRING:** Stuffed poblano peppers, pizza with sausage and fennel, pork loin, duck, or rabbit

2022 Masseria Li Veli Passamante, Salice Salentino, Italy \$18 Beautiful ruby red in color, with distinctive aromas of ripe plum, blackberry, blackcurrant but also leather and sweet violet. Full-bodied in the mouth but never tiring, silky tannin and lingering taste reminiscent of licorice and coffee. It has a more complex and richer taste.

2021 Soos Creek "King Cab" Horse Heaven Hills Washington ST. \$20. Paul Gregutt 91 Points "Soos Creek's Dave Larsen sources Cabernet from some of Washington's A+ vineyards, and his sturdy, dense wines are built to age. But with this King Cab, Dave has given a special gift to less patient wine lovers. It is a single vineyard Horse Heaven Hills Cabernet at a supermarket price. The blend includes 15% Merlot, which helps to soften the tannins. There is an interesting sweetness here – not from fruit or sugar, but more like the sweetness of fine tobacco. This is a classic Washington Cabernet with black fruits, sandalwood, toasted walnuts, and tannins with a firm streak of espresso. A super bargain, worth hunting for." And, Santiam Wine & Bistro has it for you!

2020 Klinker Brick Old Vine Zinfandel Lodi \$19. This wine is produced from vineyard blocks up to 120 years old. Delta breezes and the associated fog allow us to retain above average acidity for the region, providing aromas of dark cherry and spices on the nose. Barrel fermentation provides additional structure to a thin-skinned varietal. The extremely low yields of century old vine vineyards bring notes of plum and cranberry, with a hint of black pepper. The result is a balanced and complex Zinfandel perfect for both summer barbecues and Fall fire pits. **90 Points Wine Enthusiast**

2021 Cana's Feast Two Rivers Red Blend Columbia Valley \$16 A delicious blend of 43% Merlot, 21% Cab Franc, 12% Malbec, 7% Petite Verdot Bing cherry and herbal nuances combine with loads of blackberry and cassis, as well as a hint of olive, followed by a classic style finish of roasted coffee, chocolate.

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2023 Patrica Green Sauvignon Blanc Willamette Valley \$20 This has high-toned and heavily fruited aromatics with a distinct limey/citrus tinge along with the hint of straw and minerals which is what ripe Sauvignon Blanc should have as its varietal typicity. The strength of the aromatics resounds in the glass as the wine is with citrus notes at the entry giving way to tropical fruit with extremely crisp acidity on the finish while still having enough palate weight that there is length and complexity.

2022 Alianca Vinho Verde Portugal \$11 Vinho Verde (which is sometimes translated as “green wine”) is a crisp, aromatic, low alcohol, and often slightly spritzy wine from the North of Portugal. Despite the translation, Vinho Verde is never green: it is usually a white wine, although it’s possible to get red Vinho Verde and rosé vinho Verde as well.

2022 Laroch La Chevalière Rosé France \$20 A pale rose color with purple hue. Freshly crushed red fruit aromas on the nose. On the palate, flavors of raspberry and redberry combined with fresh acid and lively mouthfeel. A blend of Grenache, Syrah and Cinsault.

2022 Love & Squalor “Mothershucker” Oregon \$18. Plucked from the briny waters of the Pacific Ocean and borne to the crowded tables of Oregon's celebrated restaurants, this wine is inspired by the exalted oyster and dedicated to the Pacific Walrus - the foremost connoisseur of the shelled miracle. The wine is a dry blend of three aromatic whites grown in the volcanic basalt and sedimentary marine soils of our valley. The nose conjures a mix of salt and sand and coastal flowers. The body more giving with texture and fruits coating the tongue. And in the finish, we return to the sea where the salty winds whip past bringing cool misted air up to the low coast mountains. The perfect pairing for our treasured seafood and shellfish. 280 cases

2022 Nine Hats Columbia Valley Pinot Gris, WA. \$14 Sourced from Headquarters Vineyard in the Yakima Valley, where a constant breeze moderate’s temperature to capture fresh flavors and give the wine its vibrant mouthfeel. A light squeeze of the grapes on the press and a cool fermentation to enhance the Pinot Gris’ racy character. This medium-bodied Pinot Gris offers vibrant aromas and flavors of white peach, orange blossom, honeysuckle, and ripe citrus that led to a pleasantly crisp finish.

2022 Portlandia Sauvignon Blanc, Oregon \$14 This bright and lively Sauvignon Blanc is filled with flavors of grapefruit, gooseberry, and guava, balanced by delicate herbal notes of lime leaf and lemongrass. We love this wine with salads, goat cheese or our favorite pairing, oysters.