

# Santiam Wine & Bistro Sizzling Summer Nights

## Red Cheap & Cheerful \$72

**2019 Domaine Pelaqui Cotes du Rhone Rouge, France \$15** A beautiful garnet-red color with blue reflections. The bouquet boasts notes of red fruits. The palate is well-rounded in mouth and offers a fruity finish. Pair this wine alongside grilled meat and cheeses.

**2020 Kiona Red Mountain Lemberger Red Mountain WA. \$16** This super versatile, tasty red has gained a well-deserved reputation as an unbeatable value in Estate red wine from Red Mountain's first winery. For more than four decades, Kiona has been perfecting Lemberger and gaining a legion of dedicated fans (ourselves included!) The 2020 iteration includes a healthy North Block Cabernet Sauvignon component, contributing structure, aromatic intensity, and color. Blue-fruited, medium-bodied, lush in texture and overflowing with drinkability.

**2017 Desert Wind Ruah Wahluke Slope, WA \$14** 31% Merlot, 28% Syrah, 23% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7% Cabernet Franc, 5% Malbec, 4% Carmenere, 2% Petit Verdot Soft and jammy, with easygoing cherry and toasted spice flavors. Great for camping BBQ Burgers

**Bookwalter Notebook NV16 Washington \$11** Another delicious, best buy from Bookwalter. This 16NV Notebook Red is a blend of 42% Cabernet Sauvignon, 24% Syrah, 22% Malbec, and Merlot, Petit Verdot and Cabernet Franc. It leads with fruit forwardness, smooth and juicy with well-structured tannins. Vibrant ruby and translucent red in color, this wine gives off aromas and flavors of cherry, plum, spice, and soft vanilla and finishes with a touch of savory notes. Twist cap convenient and delicious!

**2019 Protocolo Tempranillo Spain Organic \$9** Their 2019 Protocolo Tinto, 100% Tempranillo, shows more berry fruit, has obviously never seen a bit of oak and is all the better for it, made for immediate consumption and uncritical drinking. It is certainly a top value and best drunk over the next year. Excellent used in making Sangria for our sizzling summer nights!

**2020 Peachy Canyon Incredible Red Paso Robles \$15** 75% Zinfandel, 20% Syrah, 5% Mourvedre Dark ruby in color this Zinfandel blend has alluring aromas of plum, rhubarb and pie crust. The palate bursts with bright, juicy flavors of dark fruits and berry cobbler, has excellent balance and finishes with lush supple tannins.

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### White Cheap & Cheerful \$75.60

**2021 M A N Family Chenin Blanc South Africa \$9** A crisp and expressive Chenin Blanc with vibrant aromas of quince, pear, and pineapple. Peach and apple flavors on the palate framed by a refreshing acidity, smooth minerality and a full-bodied mouthfeel.

**2021 Pike Road Pinot Gris Oregon \$12** All the fruit for Pike Road Pinot Gris is hand-picked and gently pressed. The juice is then cold fermented in small stainless-steel tanks to preserve its delicate aromatics and finished with a screw cap so that it tastes as fresh as the day bottled. Pike Road Pinot Gris made from 100% Willamette Valley fruit. Primarily grown on our estate vineyards, the wine also includes smaller lots of fruit grown by our longtime, trusted partners here in the Willamette Valley. We believe this “multi-vineyard” approach results in a more complex, flavorful wine. The 2021 vintage was an exceptional year. The timing of weather events was key to our success in 2021. We experienced a bit of rainfall during bloom which helped to lower yields by producing some hens and chicks (variable-sized berries). Then a historic heat event happened during late June which brought worrisome temperatures at a time that luckily did not result in any damage to our grape crop. Growth resumed normally once temperatures cooled with average heat from July through September bringing even ripening to the plentiful small, loose clusters. For Pinot Noirs, expect intense color and flavors bursting out of the glass, while white wines and rosés are fruit-forward with great acidity and balance.

**2020 Chateau Miraval “Studio” Rose Provence \$15** Elegant pale-pink color, evoking a rose petal. On the nose, Miraval Rosé shows all its elegance: beautifully fresh, it exudes aromas of fresh fruit, currants, and fresh rose with a zest of lemon. The refinement continues in the mouth with a beautiful liveliness and gourmet notes that subtly balance the mineral and saline notes. An irresistible wine that ends with a long finish with lemony notes. Grapes: Cinsault Grenache Rolle Syrah

**2021 L’Ecole Semillon Walla Walla WA \$17** Distinctive for its vibrant aromas of beeswax, fig, and flint, with a lush yet crisp texture that lingers on the prolonged finish. Drink now. 91 Points Wine Spectator

**2020 Bernabeleva De Navaherreros Vino Blanco Madrid \$15** Super fresh blend of Malvar, Macabeo, Albillo, Moscatel grown on grantiic soil. Year after year, one of the great values in Spain!

**2021 Allan Scott Sauvignon Blanc New Zealand \$16** Strikes a terrific balance between mouthwatering acidity, fresh herbal notes of lemon verbena and thyme, and core flavors of Key lime, Meyer lemon, pineapple, and tangerine. Gains momentum on the finish, where the flavors sing in harmony and complexity **93 Points Wine Spectator**