

## Santiam Wine & Bistro's

### November 2023 Cheap & Cheerful Reds \$80.10

**2020 Seven Falls Cabernet Sauvignon Washington \$14** This Cabernet Sauvignon opens with black cherry, boysenberry, and other black fruits. It is layered with notes of black tea, mint, herb, and spice. It's concentrated, full-bodied wine has a smooth lasting finish.

**2021 Callia Bella Syrah & Malbec, Argentina \$10** Great red blend for the price! Syrah & Malbec from Argentina. Cherry and red fruit, some chocolate, oak with lovely pepper toward the finish nice smooth balance.

**2021 Growers Pinot Noir, Oregon \$15 (Owen Roe)** 2021 in Oregon saw the perfect balance between ripeness, with a very warm summer, and book-ended with cooler weather in spring and fall. These conditions provided fruit that was ripe and full of flavor but with balanced brightness and lively acidity. The 2021 Growers Guild is a great example of dedicated growers up and down the state's best regions for Pinot Noir. Ripe cherry notes with toasty oak aromas and bursting red fruits in the palate and a juicy long finish. Enjoy now and over the next 5 years!

### **Great Thanksgiving Wines-Stock-up!**

**2021 Abbot's Table Columbia Valley \$21 (Owen Roe)** This beautiful blend first grabs you on the nose with spice and leather. It finishes with nice blueberry notes as well as marionberry pie and wet tobacco, the blend brings medium tannins and bright acidity to the palate. A blend of 38% Sangiovese, 28% Zinandel, 18% Blaufrankisch, 10% Grenache.

**2020 Lobetia Tempranillo-Petite Verdot Barrel Aged Spain \$15** This delicious Vegan wine is made from Organic grapes; it is a 50/50 blend. A harmonious blend of the classic Tempranillo and the deeper, richer Petit Verdot. All the grapes come from a single vineyard source, Dominio de Punctum's estate in Castilla La Mancha. Intense cherry red color and a violet shaded rim. The bouquet has notes of red berries and cherry. Sweet tannins and long finish on the palate.

**2021 J. Lohr Syrah Paso Robles, CA. \$14** Overall rainfall for the 2021 growing season in Paso Robles was only 75% of the 25-year historical average, with nearly all the precipitation occurring in January. The dry conditions forced vines to produce small but concentrated berries, typical of drought years in Paso Robles. We began picking our earliest ripening Syrah vines in the Estrella District on September 14th, 2021; grapes from our blocks in the Creston and Adelaida districts were picked on October 6th. As in previous vintages, we co-fermented a portion of our Syrah with Viognier - which brings flower blossom aromatics. The final blend also includes 5% Grenache Noir which adds candied strawberry accents, softens the texture, and lengthens the palate. Mourvèdre (1%) was also included to intensify Syrah's natural peppery spice.

## Santiam Wine & Bistro November White Cheap & Cheerful

**\$76.50 Time to stock-up for the holidays!**

### Tasting and food pairing notes

#### **2022 Pine Ridge Chenin Blanc + Viognier Napa Valley \$13**

Distinctive, aromatic, and refreshing, this juicy white has hints of Fuji apple, lime zest, honeysuckle, and chamomile, plus a core of ripe peach, apricot, and melon. The mouthwatering finish reveals vivid acidity. Chenin Blanc and Viognier. Drink now. **90 Points Wine Spectator**. This versatile wine pairs well with several dishes, from light salads to seafood, and most notably with foods with a hint of spiciness—its subtle sweetness provides balance alongside a touch of heat. It's the perfect pour for the start of an evening with appetizers or a platter of salumi. Also try Chenin Blanc + Viognier with a flavorful Thai curry, a frittata with sweet onions and ricotta, or a shrimp and avocado tostada.

**2020 Lenz Moser Gruner Veltliner Austria \$16** One Liter bottle of this lovely Trocken (dry) Grüner Veltliner from the Niederösterreich region has light, fine spicy notes with fruity hints and a lively, pleasant finish. Delicate peppery notes accompany a lovely body with a dry aftertaste. Pairs well with Viennese Schnitzel, but also with beef, seafood, vegetables, Asian dishes, and **barbecue**.

**2021 McBride Sisters Collection Central Coast Chardonnay \$15** Creamy and lush, with flavors of lemon meringue, lemon curd and crème anglaise that show accents of marmalade and apricot pastry, plus fresh grace notes of tangerine, candied ginger, and toasted, buttery brioche. A fresh thread of acidity keeps all the flavors in focus. **90 Points Wine Spectator**

**2021 Giocato Pinot Grigio, Slovenia \$11** This wine is light straw-colored with aromas of lemon zest and apple blossom. The palate expresses flavors of melon, apple, and cantaloupe. Easy entre wine with screw cap and nice everyday price point. A true Cheap & Cheerful

**2021 Routas Rose Coteaux d'Aix-en-Provence \$15** A tasty, light wine with attractive berry fruit cut with citrus. This wine is fresh fruity wine that is ready to drink. Enjoy the holiday season.

#### **2021 Scaia Garganega/Chardonnay Italy \$15**

White flowers of acacia, jasmine, bouquet of citrus such as pineapple, grapefruit and orange, apple, pear and mango and a light note of bananas. ENJOY IT WITH Aperitifs, hors d'oeuvres featuring fish or seasonal vegetables and cold dishes, first courses with herbs, vegetable risottos, dry pasta dishes and soups, fish in light sauces.