

Santiam Wine & Bistro October/Nov. Red Cheap and Cheap

\$92.70 includes your 10% savings.

2020 Masi Campofiorin Rosso Verona \$19. Roasted black plums dance with candied violets and warm baking spices, inviting you to take a sip. Lush and velvety, the palate reveals blackberry pie filling, perfectly balanced by a lively acidity. This well-structured, elegant wine finishes with an earthy, savory streak, making it an ideal companion for braised or roasted dishes that are unapologetically savory.

2022 Pendulum Cabernet Sauvignon Columbia Valley \$18 A wisp of violets and bay leaves is joined by aromas of black cherries and pot roast. A balanced wine with an elegant texture, the Pendulum swings toward blackberry jam, phyllo dough, and black tea flavors. Grab yourself a turkey burger with tomato relish to pair with this outstanding value. —**91 Points** Michael Alberty

Old Vine Red Lot # 75 Geyserville CA \$15. 70% Zinfandel, 15% Syrah, 5% Petite Sirah, 5% Merlot, 3% Grenache, 2% Barbera. Affectionately known as “OVR,” Marietta’s Old Vine Red is a proprietary red wine made to replicate the field blends of the old vineyards in Sonoma and Mendocino counties. A groundbreaking combination of grape varieties and multiple vintages first produced in 1982; this wine has blazed the path for red blends for decades. With the historic underground following, it is one of the longest lasting and best-known red blends produced today. Predominantly comprised of Zinfandel, Old Vine Red combines pure fruit, a supple mouth feels and a rich, solid structure. **Food Pairing Prime rib, roasted vegetables or even Turkey!**

Austin Hope Troublemaker Red Blend Central Coast \$16 Inspired by varieties that flourish in Paso Robles and California's Central Coast, Troublemaker is a truly distinct Paso blend consisting of Syrah, Grenache, Mourvedre, Petite Syrah and Zinfandel. By using a multi-vintage approach, winemaker Austin Hope allows the wine to show uncanny complexity in its youth, yet rich and fruit-forward characteristics that make it ready upon release. With rich aromatics that display hints of smoke and violets, bright fruit on the palate and a long finish, Troublemaker shows amazing depth and structure.

2023 Heron Cabernet Sauvignon CA \$17. Tasting notes: Blackberry, plum and dark chocolate are balanced by more Bordelaise qualities of cedar wood, pencil lead, and black pepper, followed by soft tannins and hints of vanilla on the finish.

2021 La Fortuna, Fortunello \$18. While La Fortuna is primarily known for producing Brunello, they still make about 15,000 bottles of declassified Sangiovese, labeled "Fortunello," every year. You can enjoy the wine's rich red fruit and herbal qualities.

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2023 Lamblin & Fils Bourgogne Blanc, France \$20 The Lamblin family has been farming their Domaine on the very northern edge of Chablis for three centuries. This simply made and classically styled Bourgogne Blanc is incredible value, offering everything you want from Chablis. The wine comes from vineyards on both Kimmeridgian limestone inside Chablis. Notes of pear butter, brioche, green apple, and salty shortbread make up the aroma, while the palate is supple yet tightly strung with limestone minerality and a flinty edge with flavors of buttercream, lime, and lemon curd.

2024 Festival Sauvignon Blanc Horse Heaven Hills \$18 This Horse Heaven Hills Sauvignon Blanc is all about freshness. With notes of citrus, grapefruit, and a light salinity on the palate. This is a light-bodied high-acid wine ideal for food pairing, especially given its low alcohol level at 12.5%. We prepared a Greek mezze plate, eggplant rollatini with sharp provolone, assorted olives, pickled onion, and hummus smear. This is a dry, perky acid-driven wine that should be a crowd pleaser at any party or patio gathering. Aged in neutral oak, which accounts for the creaminess and mid-palate texture.

2024 Pine Ridge Chenin Blanc Napa Valley \$14 Crisp, bright, and vivacious! The Chenin Blanc opens with vibrant aromas of kiwi and fresh-cut melon, followed by key lime zest and white flowers. Hints of honeysuckle, jasmine, white peach, and nectarine add depth of flavor. The Viognier lends a luscious mouthfeel with exotic notes of lychee and orange blossom, while the Chenin Blanc provides structure and a signature citrus character. —perfect on its own Blend: 80% Chenin Blanc, 20% Viognier

2024 Mount Fishtail Sauvignon Blanc \$17 A complex white, offering notes of lemon curd, grilled pineapple, Key lime, and lemon sage, plus a touch of passion fruit, all on a sleek and smooth frame, with a fresh, refreshing finish. Drink now. 90 Points Wine Spectator

2024 Renewal Pinot Gris Wilamette Valley \$20 This bright wine pours a pale straw hue, offering delicate aromas of crushed gravel, white flowers, and a burst of lime zest over fresh melon. On the palate, it delivers a lively balance of tart green apple and citrus, driven by vibrant acidity that keeps each sip crisp and refreshing. The finish is clean and palate-cleansing, with hints of underripe peach.

2023 Mallea Grenache Blanc Santa Barbara County \$20 100% Grenache Blanc from Coteaux de Clair Vineyard in Santa Ynez Valley. A small vineyard farmed organically by hand. The fruit is whole cluster pressed to stainless tank for native fermentation, raised in tank on fine lees for about 4 months prior to bottling.