

**Santiam Wine & Bistro Hot summer nights Red C & C \$77.40 Mix them up if you like.**

**2022 Burle Estate Ce Que Vacluse Rouge, France \$13.** Domaine Burle is a cracking Gigondas producer and this is their 'little' Vin de Pays, so labelled because the vineyard sits just outside the Gigondas appellation and while the blend is classically predominately Grenache it also includes some of the new varieties Marselan and Caladoc. Burle is run by brothers Damien and Florent and their wines have a rustic bent with no destemming of the bunches resulting in wines with fruit and guts. Lots of lifted dark berry aromas lead onto a fruity palate with notes of dark cherry, touches of wild herbs, and a nice bit of a spicy kick. Organic, native soils.

**2021 Cellier des Dauphins Reserve Cotes du Rhone \$13.** This wine offers an intense garnet hue and natural aromas of ripe blackcurrants, characteristic of the Grenache varietal. The Syrah brings red fruit freshness and notes of violet to the blend. This organic wine shows a lovely smoothness and intensity.

**2016 River Run Red, Croft Vineyard, Willamette Valley \$13.** After many blending trials in the winery, our most approachable and exciting Pinot Noir edition was born. Combining our three favorite Pinot Noir clones: Wädenswil, Pommard and 115. Flavors of strong black and red cherry with hints of plums and strawberries. Salmon, bacon, mushrooms and any game bird pairs well with this award-winning wine.

**2022 Honoro Vera, Monastrell Spain \$12 Organic Grapes.** Complex nose of ripe plums and rich red fruit, combined with licorice and fig characters. On the palate, the wine is generous, rich, and spicy – weighty with good, concentrated red and black fruit, fine tannins, and fresh acidity on the finish.

**2021 Scaia Rosso, Vento IGT Italy \$15.** Floral aroma of red roses and pansies, fruity aroma of cherries, sour cherries, plums, greengages, woodland berries such as blackberries, redcurrants and blackcurrants, raspberries. Well balanced, tangy and fresh. Intense and with a good body despite its young lightness. 100% Covina

**2018 Corliss Secret Squirrel Cabernet Sauvignon, Walla Walla, WA. \$20.** An outstanding vintage in Washington = more fantastic raw materials available for Secret Squirrel. A delicious medley of red and black fruits, tobacco, cedar, hints of dark chocolate and attractive barrel spice make for an outsized value. Really, it's more than we can reasonably expect for a Washington Cabernet at this price. As if we need a "plus," since it's Corliss this had extra time in both barrel and bottle before release (what kind of Washington Cab at this price spends 22 months in barrel? the answer is no other!) so this squirrel is simply singing now. 80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 14% Cabernet Franc, 4% Petit Verdot, 2% Merlot.

## **Santiam Wine and Bistro August White Cheap & Cheerful \$ \$81.90**

**2022 Zestos Malvar, Madrid Spain \$15.** A tremendous value. If you have a demanding palate and love the bright acid of Sauvignon Blanc and the body of Chardonnay, the Malvar grape will greatly reward your taste. Zestos means basket in Spanish. Not too many years ago, baskets like the ones depicted on the label were used to transport grapes from the vineyard to the wineries. Zestos Blanco. It displays peach, nectarine and orange scents, it finishes smooth and broad, with good cling. The rare grape by the name of Malvar is indigenous to the Iberian Peninsula, and it is the main white variety of the Madrid wine region. It is also known as Lairén. In 2008 Spain had a total of 266 ha (657 acres) of land under vine. Madrid has recently become the center of one of the most interesting and innovative wine regions on the Iberian Peninsula. The outskirts of this storied royal city are filled with old vines situated in high elevation vineyards that have been planted in ideal soils. Madrid is a sort of “great unknown” that is now just freshly discovered. It is a great source of incredible values today.

### **2022 Domaine Des Cassagnoles France \$11 Come and get this six-pack!**

Dry white wine, fruity, lively with a good finish. Balanced and harmonious. Finale sweet. Each grape variety is vinified separately. Small skin maceration for the Colombard and the Gros Manseng. Pneumatic pressing, cold stabilization, fermentation under controlled temperature of 18°C. Aged in tank until bottling. Crispy and zesty wine, very pleasant, especially enjoyed with seafoods, grilled fishes, some cheese. Ugni Blanc, 34% Colombard, 15% Chardonnay, 6% Gros Manseng. ALC 12%

**2023 Capitello Pinot Gris, Oregon \$18** Ripe pineapple meets tart kiwi in an aromatic love connection. I loved the wine's creamy texture and its flavors of guava, candied ginger and orange cake. The wine's acidity is just enough to keep things lively in light of what feels like a touch of residual sugar. Very enjoyable

**2023 Ermizio Quinta do Vinho Verde, Portugal \$17** Vinho Verde is Loureiro and Trajadura from the estate's 15 hectares of vines, all cultivated in the traditional pergola system and farmed with limited interventions and abundant cover crops. The soils are granitic and elevation is around 500 meters. Hand, then pressed and fermented with native yeasts in stainless steel tanks. Loureiro is aromatic with notes of grapefruit, lime, peach. Trajadura offers flavors of apricot, orange zest and a bit herbal. This is a dry, light, bright and fun blend with a delicious saltiness that can drink as aperitif or with food such as Bacalao, Salmon, Seafood Pasta, Oysters and Cheeses.

**2023 Terres Dorees Beaujolais Rose d'Folie France \$18** 100% Gamay. From Jean-Paul Brun's organically farmed, old vines on clay-limestone soils in the hills of Charnay in the southern Beaujolais. The bunches are hand-harvested and directly pressed with no maceration. The juice is fermented in tank with native yeasts. The wine goes through malolactic fermentation and is aged in tank. Turn the page over.

**2022 Domaine De Pajot Cotes De Gascogne \$12** This blend of Sauvignon Blanc, Colombard, Ugni Blanc, and Gros Manseng is the epitome of Gascony. Light and fruity, fresh and crisp, with a bright texture and plenty of refreshing acidity. This is a wine to drink easily as an aperitif.