Santiam Wine & Bistro December Red Hot Cheep & Cheerful Six pack \$99.90

2021 La Fortunello Rosso Toscano Montalcino, Italy \$18 A wine that impresses starting from its intense ruby red color. Extraordinary in its intensity and absolute pleasantness on the palate, it is destined to improve over time with its aromas of raspberry and red berries. It is vigorous and has a good texture, fresh and fruity on the finish.

2021 Tyrus Evan Red Blend Columbia Valley \$21 At Ken Wright Cellars, family is everything. This label named after Ken Wright's sons, Cody Tyrus and Carson Evan. This wine was selected and blended by father and son, Ken, and Carson Wright. **Tasting Notes:** Rich, ripe and full bodied, this classic red blend displays notes of black plum, raspberry, cocoa nibs, and cedar. Elegantly structured with velvety tannins. **Varietals:** 45% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot, 15% Malbec, 10% Petit Verdot. **Alc.** 14.0%

2022 Lagone AlA VECCHIA Tuscany \$20 Aromas of plum and dark fruits follow through to a full body, velvety mouth feel and a soft, mineral laden finish. A lot of wine for the money. Great wine to pair with a nice steak.

2020 Juan Gil Red Blend Jumilla, Spain \$19. These zesty red layers are abundant milled black and white pepper with flavors of ripe black raspberry and cherry fruit. Firmed by well-meshed, chalky tannins, this offers aromatic accents of bay leaf and licorice. Monastrell, Cabernet Sauvignon and Syrah. Drink now through 2025. **89 Points Wine Spectator**

NA Austin Hope *Troublemaker* Red Blend Central Coast, CA \$17 The RED nose is bursting with jammy boysenberry and blackberry, along with a fresh hint of raspberry. These fruit aromas carry through to the palate and are accentuated by underlying tones of peppercorns, dried tobacco, and roasted coffee. Velvety tannins and balancing acidity bring out the vibrant fruit character of this complex blend. "Comprised of varietals that flourish in Paso Robles' distinct growing region, Troublemaker consists of Syrah, Petite Sirah, Mourvèdre, Grenache, and Zinfandel. Syrah is the backbone of the wine, setting the stage for a fruit-forward style and a full body. Petite Sirah contributes to the deep ruby color. Sweet and bright red fruit flavors of Grenache blend with the rustic and lively flavors of the Mourvèdre, while Zinfandel adds its signature zing to round out the blend." Pair with Salami, cheese, or inside a Christmas Stocking!

2021 Podere De Giuggiolo Toscana Corte alla Flora Italy \$16 100% Sangiovese.

Bouquet: the wine presents typical perfumes of Prugnolo Gentile, liquorice, red fruits and violet. The maturing produces also prominent balsamic inklings, typical of quality red wine. **Flavor:** Soft and Velvety. The evolution reveals a moderate wood inkling and freshness, typical of young wine. We look for fineness and elegance, rather than excessive extraction and structure.

2023 Bodega Colomé Torrontés Calchaqui Valley, Argentina \$14 This version is subtly floral, with hints of geranium and dried rose hip on a smooth-textured palate of mandarin orange and dried pineapple, with just enough acidity to pick up the flavors and carry them onto the finish around a lingering note of candied lemon peel. Drink now. **90 Points Wine Spectator**

2022 Umani Ronchi Verdicchio dei Castelli di Jesi Classico Villa Bianchi, Italy \$12 Verbena and fresh hay notes accent the ripe yellow plum and crushed almond flavors in this balanced, light-bodied white, with hints of white pepper and graphite. Lively finish. Drink now. **88 Points Wine Spectator 12.5 % Alc**

2023 Raza Vinho Verde D.O.C. Portugal \$12 A cheerful, translucid, lemon-yellow, and slightly pétillant white wine, Vinho Verde means 'green wine' and named after the northwest Portuguese region from which it originates. The 'green' in the name refers to the youthful state in which the wines are customarily released and consumed, not the color of the wine. It is typically a blend of various percentages of <u>Alvarinho</u>, Loureiro, Trajadura, and Pedernã (Arinto). Following initial alcoholic fermentation, a natural, secondary malolactic conversion in cask produces carbon dioxide, giving Vinho Verde its charmingly light sparkle. **11.5 % Alc.**

2021 McBride Sisters Chardonnay Central Coast, CA \$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. Drink now. **90 Points Wine Spectator 13.5** % **Alc.**

2023 Lamblin & Fils Bourgogne Blanc, France \$20 When you taste it, you could easily take Lamblin's Bourgogne Blanc for Chablis. In price, however, it bears no resemblance at all. A can't-miss member-favorite offering mouthwatering lemon curd and juicy pear accented by wet stone, it's an outstanding bargain. 12.5 Alc.

2023 Hiruzta Txakolina Spain \$20. Made from the Hondarrabi Zuri grape, grown in the winery's own vineyards in Hondarribia and fermented at its state-of-the-art facility. Produced in at an exceptional winery equipped with state-of-the-art technology. Intense aromas of white (pear and apple), citrus (grapefruit) and tropical (pineapple and passion fruit) fruit aromas, also swathed with white flower (orange blossom) scents, all enhanced by the subtle release of the natural carbonic gas. It is very balanced and fresh, with a certain sense of spicy sparkle on the tongue and an integrated acidity. Pleasant on the palate, with a citrus and tropical aftertaste. Long and aromatic finish.