

Santiam Wine & Bistro January 2025

Cheap & Cheerful Red Six pack \$101.70

Cheerful Six pack \$2022 Pendulum Columbia Valley Cabernet Sauvignon \$17 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, philo dough and black tea flavors. Grab yourself a turkey burger with tomato relish to pair with this outstanding value. — **91 Points Wine Enthusiast**

2022 Guardian Newsprint Red Wine Columbia Valley \$20 The finest Washington grapes, the best French oak and plenty of dotting upon by the winemaking team. From our big Bordeaux-style blends, to our stunning straight varietal reds to our crisp and juicy whites to our fun red blends, we always strive to make the most delicious wines around. Plain and simple we love to make wine and we hope you enjoy what we're producing. Excellent!

2022 Mercer Bros Cabernet Sauvignon \$18 This wine is bursting with notes of cherry and raspberry which are accentuated by a hint of almond and creme fraiche. The elegant tannin structure provided by the fruit from Horse Heaven Hills gives balance to the wine. The fruit-forward palate is followed by a long, smooth finish.

2022 Browne Do Epic Sh*t Columbia Valley Cabernet Sauvignon \$20 Aromatics of black fruit and dusty oak lead to flavors of anise, Bing cherry and allspice. This Cabernet Sauvignon is incredibly smooth with round tannins and leaves a fruity finish of red apple, plum and milk chocolate., This easy to approach wine with round tannins pairs well with pork chops, chicken, red meat fish and of course a traditional beef steak.

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.

2022 Lagone AIA 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.

Santiam Wine and Bistro-White Cheap & Cheerful January 2025 only \$79.20

2023 Sohm & Kracher Grüner Veltliner Austria \$18 One Liter bottle Screw Cap easy opening! With the introduction of this surprisingly sophisticated liter bottling Sohm & Kracher explore a third terroir for Grüner veltliner. While the Lion is sourced entirely from Weinviertel, the fruit for this bottling is grown entirely in Illmitz, opposite Lake Neusiedl from the Leithaberg hill where the soils are more sand. This stainless steel Grüner Veltliner is a mineral focused expression, incredibly easy to drink with austere depth.

2023 La Solitude White Cotes du Rhone, France \$15. This wine is a blend of three varietals. The Clairette brings the freshness and zest of citrus, the Viognier the aromatic depth and roundness, and the Grenache the notes of white flowers. The grapes are harvested early in the morning and completely destemmed. The fermentation in stainless-steel vats preserves the full aromatic freshness. The wine has a nose of citrus and apricots, a round and generous mouthfeel, and a fresh and flavorful finish.

2023 Chateau Haut-Rian White Bordeaux, France \$12. Old Sémillon vines grown on limestone soil form the background to this wine. With pineapple aromas and a mineral texture, the wine's fruit is full of grapefruit and kiwi flavors. It is crisp, ripe, and ready to drink ALC 13% 90 Points Wine Enthusiast!

2023 Domaine Pajot Les 4 Cépages France \$12 screw cap easy! A perfect weeknight French white blend, with 35% Sauvignon Blanc, 35% Colombard, 20% Ugni-Blanc, and 10% Gros-Manseng. Think of springtime and a light meal, or anytime and just a glass! Bone-dry with notes of pear, citrus, and green flavors. It has a lively, zesty acidity typical of the region's white wines. **Farming:** Organic Always a top pick for me.

2018 Storypoint Chardonnay California \$16 "Luscious and silky, Storypoint Chardonnay amplifies the fruit-forward expression of the variety. The aroma opens with hints of ripe apple and honeysuckle while notes of white peach, Asian pear and ginger deliver a deliciously refreshing taste. With accents of vanilla and caramel, each glass is rich on the palate." ~Winemaker Notes

2023 Lady Hill Pinot Gris, Oregon \$15 An aromatic procession of passionfruit and Meyer lemon embraces the delicate floral side of honeysuckle and white flowers. Bright flavors of citrus rind and white peach flavors with a crisp minerality. The mouthfeel indicates almost no malolactic conversion, displaying the crisp refreshing acidity of Granny Smith apples.