

## **Santiam Wine and Bistro June/July Red Cheap & Cheerful Six-pack \$90**

**2023 Root: One Carmenere Chile \$14** Carmenere flourishes in the warm climate and cooling breezes of the Colchagua Valley. Like the Maipo Valley, it is located between the massive Andes Mountains and Pacific's low Coastal Mountains. "The lost grape of Bordeaux" comes home to Chile with this subtly spicy,

**2021 D'Arenberg The Stump Jump Cabernet Sauvignon, Australia \$13** Lucid aromas of mint, thyme, green peppercorn, and pencil shavings are layered onto a core of plump cherry and raspberry fruit. Granular, hulking tannins cinch the tongue, but they leave ample space for the juicy red berry fruit on this unmistakably Aussie Cab. 91 Points Wine Enthusiast

**2022 Mercer Bros. Cabernet Sauvignon, WA. \$18** This aromatic union of sweet black cherries, orange peel and cloves are a winning one. In the background, the mineral-laden scent of wet modeling clay lingers long enough to conjure memories of Patrick Swayze and Demi Moore's favorite hobby in "Ghost." The wine's gentle acidity and silky tannins support another winning combination of fresh-brewed black coffee and cherry pie.

### **2019 Secret Squirrel Rhone Blend WA. \$20**

Bright red-ruby. Blackberry, blueberry, and high-toned spices on the inviting nose. A juicy, intense, classically dry berry bomb with a fine-grained texture and terrific spicy lift. Finishes tactile and slightly salty, with a light dusting of tannins and particularly good length.

**2023 On Fox Island Cabernet Sauvignon Columbia Valley \$17** There must be a berry patch mulched with wood chips and joined by a stinging nettles ground cover On Fox Island, because this Cabernet Sauvignon smells like boysenberries, cedar, and mint tea. In the mouth, with flavors of boysenberries, artichoke amaro and a trace of toffee. Firm tannins in the mouth are joined by bright acidity.

**2022 Klinker Brick Old Vine Zinfandel \$18** Klinker Brick's flagship Zinfandel, where it all started! This wine is made from vineyard blocks up to 120 years old. Delta breezes and the associated fog allow us to retain above average acidity for the region, providing aromas of dark cherry and spices on the nose. Barrel fermentation provides additional structure to a thin-skinned varietal. The extremely low yields of century old vineyards bring notes of plum, with a hint of black pepper. The result is a balanced and complex Zinfandel perfect for both summer barbecues and fall fire pits.

## **Santiam Wine & Bistro June/July White Six-pack \$96.30**

**2024 Bieler Pere & Fils Rosé Coteaux D' Aix-En-Provence \$17** Aromas of watermelon rind, strawberries, citrus and summer flowers. The palate is bright and lively, with crisp acidity, a soft texture and a fresh, dry finish. Vibrant and easy **90 Points James Suckling**

**2024 Vionta Albariño Rias Baixas, Spain \$19 Critic** tasting note: (2024 vintage) "Color, bright straw. Aroma, fruit expression, ripe fruit, floral, wild herbs, mineral. Flavor, flavorful, fresh, good acidity, fruity aftertaste, full of life." - Guia Penin

**2024 Quinta Da Raza Alvarinho, Portugal \$20** is a monovarietal wine, citric colored, with a fruity and floral fragrance. It has a harmonious and persistent aftertaste, with texture and maturity. This wine is delicious, served with light meals, fish, shellfish, light meat dishes, and cheese. Wine Enthusiast • 91 points - Best Buy • Harvest 2024

**2025 On Fox Island White Wine Blend WA \$17 On** Fox Island, we revel in the natural bounty of the Pacific Northwest in everything we eat, drink, and do. Andrew Browne: This crisp white blend is bright and lively with notes of pineapple, green papaya, and a touch of honeysuckle.

**2024 Chateau Haut-Rian White Bordeaux \$14** "This delightful dry white wine is meant to be drunk young, cool, and fresh. It delivers striking scents of lime and lemon rind, whiffs of honeydew and even a hint of seashells. And no taste of oak to be found, just 'pure play' dry white. If there is better dry white wine for the (little) money, I haven't tasted it This wine could easily become your 'house white' - it's that good." –

**2024 d'Arenberg Hermit Crab Viognier Marsanne Australia \$20 Critic A** delicious, creamy, and fruity blend of viognier and Marsanne. White peaches, sweet lemons, Greek yogurt, and flowers on the nose, following through to a medium body with fresh acidity. Delicious lemons and sweet spices on the palate, with a flavorful finish. Drink now. Screw cap." - *James Suckling*