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# CHARDONNAY

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- ROTH** '12 "Sonoma Coast" Chardonnay. Balanced with just the right amount of richness and acidity with medium oak flavors. **16<sup>95</sup>**
- MATCHBOOK** '12 "California" THE ARSONIST Chardonnay, "90" Robert Parker, One of the SUPER VALUES in the marketplace! Copious notes of crisp honeysuckle and pineapple. **17<sup>95</sup>**
- RAEBURN** '13 "Russian River" Chardonnay. It is difficult to find such high quality Russian River Chardonnay at this price! **15<sup>95</sup>**
- PAHLMEYER** '13 "Napa Valley" Chardonnay. One of the premier producers in the Napa Valley. A very full-bodied, rich, Creamy Chardonnay. **65<sup>00</sup>**
- WIND GAP** '12 "Paso Robles" JAMES BERRY VINEYARD Chardonnay, "91" Stephen Tanzer, Silky and seamless with mineral-laced citrus and orchard fruit. A beautiful expression of Chardonnay. **24<sup>95</sup>**

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## WINE OF THE MONTH

### Bodegas Teso La Monja

'12 "Toro" ROMANICO  
 Tinto de Toro  
 "92" Wine Advocate

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We have worked with this Spanish producer over the years and have been nothing but successful. We whole heartily agree with the following review from Robert Parker: "... 100% Tinta de Toro (the local name for Tempranillo), and is aged for six months in a combination of new and used French oak. Malolactic is done in oak, and the result is full-bodied, opaque purple-colored wine with superb richness as well as lots of blackberry, charcoal and cassia's intermixed with licorice, new saddle leather, pepper and bouquet garni. This nearly viscous red should drink beautifully for 7-10 years." **12<sup>95</sup>**

## PINOT NOIR

- RAPTOR RIDGE** '13 "Willamette Valley" BARREL SELECT Pinot Noir, Rich and earthy, the wine has terrific complexity. **23<sup>95</sup>**
- FOXEN** '13 "Santa Maria Valley" Pinot Noir, Another winner from one of the pioneer winery's in Santa Barbara. **29<sup>95</sup>**
- PLANET OREGON** '13 "Willamette Valley" Pinot Noir, The 2nd label of SOTER VINEYARDS in Oregon, it is one great value! **16<sup>95</sup>**
- MELVILLE** '12 "Santa Rita Hills" ESTATE Pinot Noir, "92" Wine Advocate, Rich, layered and impressively textured. **27<sup>95</sup>**
- HAHN** '13 "California" Pinot Noir, Year in and year out HAHN produces some of the best value wines in the market. Here is yet another example of high quality wine with a low price tag! **9<sup>95</sup>**
- DIERBERG** '12 "Santa Maria Valley" DIERBERG VINEYARD Pinot Noir, "93" Wine Advocate, Beautifully balanced and a terrific finish. **34<sup>95</sup>**
- PATTON VALLEY** '13 "Willamette Valley" Pinot Noir, A radiant palate of Bing cherry, raspberry and pomegranate with minerality and exotic spice. **16<sup>95</sup>**
- JAYSON** By PAHLMEYER '12 "Sonoma Coast" Pinot Noir, A full-bodied Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir. One terrific wine! **54<sup>95</sup>**

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# ZINFANDEL

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- SEGHESSIO** '13 "Sonoma County" Zinfandel, "92" Wine Spectator, Layered flavors of briary raspberry, nutmeg and fresh black pepper. **19<sup>95</sup>**
- GREY WOLF** '12 "Paso Robles" Zinfandel, Attention Grey Wolf fans! Back in stock but this wine always sells out quickly! **15<sup>95</sup>**
- FRANK FAMILY** '12 "Napa Valley" Zinfandel, Rich and spicy Smoky clove and savory notes give way to plum and black cherry. **27<sup>95</sup>**
- PRECEDENT** '12 "Contra Costa County" EVANGELHO VINEYARD Zinfandel, Dark red fruit and spice with impeccable structure and concentration. The vineyard speaks loudly rather than the hand of the winemaker. ~Mark's Top Pick~ **24<sup>95</sup>**

## MISC. WHITES

- CHATEAU STE. MICHELLE** '13 "Columbia Valley" Pinot Gris, Fresh and juicy with pear, melon and a hint of spice. Perfect with scallops or a grilled chicken salad. **8<sup>95</sup>**
- STRAIGHT LINE** '13 "Santa Barbara" Sauvignon Blanc, For those who do not like the citrus-driven Sauvignon Blancs, this is for you! Very crisp and clean. **16<sup>95</sup>**
- NIGL** '13 "Kremstal" FREIHEIT Gruner Veltliner, Raised in stainless-steel and bottled at night to preserve freshness. Flavors of pear and lime zest with fresh cut flowers and a clean, mineral finish. **18<sup>95</sup>**

## CABERNET SAUVIGNON

- RAMSAY** '13 "North Coast" Cabernet Sauvignon, Last year's version of the this incredible value Cabernet Sauvignon was our best selling red in this price category. Once again, they have made another winner! **9<sup>95</sup>**
- HALL** '12 "Napa Valley" Cabernet Sauvignon, HALL has made a fantastic Cabernet in this 2012 vintage! Don't miss it! **44<sup>95</sup>**
- CAKEBREAD** '12 "Napa Valley" Cabernet Sauvignon, One of the old-school Napa Valley wineries. Big and rich! **59<sup>95</sup>**
- TEXTBOOK** '12 "Napa Valley" Cabernet Sauvignon, "90" Wine Advocate, Attractive notes of spice box, generous fruit and ripeness. **19<sup>95</sup>**
- MCGAH FAMILY CELLARS** '12 "Rutherford/Napa Valley" SCARLETT Cabernet Sauvignon, "95" Wine Advocate, ~Limited- **64<sup>95</sup>**

### PONZI

'13 "Willamette Valley" Pinot Gris  
 Clean and crisp, this is textbook Oregon Pinot Gris. Juicy acidity keeps the perfect balance of lush fruit and bright freshness. **13<sup>95</sup>**

### COSENTINO

'13 "Lodi" THE FRANC Cabernet Franc  
 Year in and year out this is a customer favorite. Loads of flavor for under \$10! **9<sup>95</sup>**

### MATCHBOOK

'10 "California" TINTO REY Red Blend  
 "90" Robert Parker A beauty, it exhibits notes of licorice, black cherries and black currants. Lusciously fruity and sensual. **12<sup>95</sup>**

### TAKEN

'12 "Napa Valley" Red  
 "93" Robert Parker Very limited! Spectacular opulence and a voluptuous texture! A blend of Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot. ~Kevin's Top Pick!~ **25<sup>95</sup>**

### QUPE

'12 "Central Coast" Syrah  
 This 100% Syrah is a blend of cool climate fruit (Santa Barbara, Edna Valley and San Luis Obispo) and warmer fruit (Paso Robles) The result is a fruit-forward, well-balanced wine with Savory spicy notes. **13<sup>95</sup>**

### ALMA ROSA

'13 "Santa Barbara County" Pinot Gris  
 Light peach, tangerine and citrus on a racy, medium-bodied finish. **14<sup>95</sup>**



## BURGUNDY

**Benoit Ente** '12 "BOURGOGNE" Golden Jubilee, Truly a fantastic White Burgundy! Incredible flavor with a deep richness. **39<sup>95</sup>**

**Domaine David Moreau** '11 "SANTENAY ROUGE" 1er Cru Clos Rousseau, "90" Wine Advocate, A very Pure bouquet with wild strawberry & Morello scents that blossom. **46<sup>95</sup>**

**Domaine Nicolas Rossignol** '12 "POMMARD" "92" Burghound, Rich and layered. This wine could easily cellar for 15 plus years! **59<sup>95</sup>**

**Simon Bize** '08 "SAVIGNY LES BEAUNE" 1er Cru Marconnets, "90" Wine Advocate, Polished and rich with roasted chestnuts and dark plum fruit. **69<sup>95</sup>**

**Domaine Michel Gros** '12 "HAUTES COTES DE NUITS" A beautiful red Burgundy. Smooth & rich, it is a fantastic bargain! **26<sup>95</sup>**

## ITALY

**COS** '11 "CERASUOLO DI VITTORIA" Classico Nero d'Avola & Frappato, What a terrific wine! One of our great customers gave us the heads up on this gem. Flavors of sun dried cherries, raspberry roll-up candy and crème de cassis emerge in unison. ~Matt's Top Pick!~ **29<sup>95</sup>**

**GIRIBALDI** '10 "BAROLO" What a great price for a beautiful Barolo! Bursting with cherry, strawberry, herb and leather aromas and flavors. **29<sup>95</sup>**

**Paolo Cali** '10 "SICILIA" Nero d'Avola D.O.C. Vittoria, A vibrant red from the southern coast of Sicily. Medium weight and spice with fresh blackberry and elegant balance. **16<sup>95</sup>**

**La Ghibellina** '13 "GAVI DI GAVI" D.O.C.G. Mainin, Subtle floral aromas with notes of wet stone and citrus. 100% estate grown and stainless-steel fermented. **17<sup>95</sup>**



## AUSTRALIA

**WOODSTOCK** '12 "McLaren Vale" Shiraz, Made by Ben Glaetzer, this is one terrific, juicy, savory red! **15<sup>95</sup>**

**WOODSTOCK** '13 "McLaren Vale" Sauvignon Blanc/Semillon, The structure from the Semillon & zest of Sauvignon Blanc results in a delicious McLaren Vale white blend. ~Jameson's Top Pick~ **12<sup>95</sup>**

## WASHINGTON STATE

**NXNW (North by North West)** '10 "Walla Walla" Syrah, Washington State is clearly emerging as a premier Syrah-growing region. Try this and you will understand the hype! **29<sup>95</sup>**

**CORLISS** '09 "Columbia Valley" Red, "94+" Wine Advocate, Flavors of black raspberry, chocolate ganache, black currants and toast. A blend of Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon and Petite Verdot. **64<sup>95</sup>**

## SPAIN

**La Rioja Alta Viña Ardanza** '05 "RIOJA" Reserva, "92" Wine Spectator, The #34 ranked wine in the World from Wine Spectator, 2014. **AWESOME!** **28<sup>95</sup>**

**Marques de Murrieta** '05 "RIOJA" Castillo y Gay Gran Reserva Especial, "96" Wine Advocate, A truly classic and beautiful Gran Reserva that cannot be missed by serious Spanish wine lovers! **69<sup>95</sup>**

**La Cana** '13 "RIAS BAIXAS" Albarino, "91" Stephen Tanzer, Fleshy pear, citrus and quince with chalky minerality and notes of fresh cut flowers. **13<sup>95</sup>**

**Bodegas Juan Gil** '12 "JUMILLA" Monastrell, Powerful Flavors of licorice & dark fruit with a peppery spice finish. **11<sup>95</sup>**



## WINE TASTINGS

Taste New Wines in this Month's Newsletter marked with Saturday January 10<sup>th</sup> 11-4:00pm **JUST \$10<sup>00</sup>**

Taste Pinot Noir  
Saturday January 17<sup>th</sup> 11-4:00pm **JUST \$10<sup>00</sup>**

Zinfandel & Cabernet Sauvignon Tasting  
Saturday January 24<sup>th</sup> **JUST \$10<sup>00</sup>**

Taste Staff Picks  
Saturday January 31<sup>st</sup> 11-4:00pm **JUST \$10<sup>00</sup>**



## GERMAN RIESLINGS

**Schafer Frohlich** '12 "Nahe" Felsenck Kabinett Riesling, "90" Wine Spectator, Layers of creamy ripe peach and gooseberry. **24<sup>95</sup>**

**Schafer Frohlich** '13 "Nahe" Bockenauer Felsenck Spatlese Riesling, Complex and layered, this offers plenty of honey and tarragon notes. **35<sup>95</sup>**

**Schloss Schonborn** '12 "Rheingau" Hattenheim Pfaffenberg Kabinett Riesling, "90" Wine Spectator, A rich and expressive style. **19<sup>95</sup>**

**Gunderloch** '12 "Rheinhessen" ESTATE Spatlese, "90" Wine Spectator, This lush style features a core of spiced apple and cream flavors. **14<sup>95</sup>**

**Von Buhl** '12 "Pfalz" Armand Kabinett Riesling, "90" Wine Spectator, A rich style, with ample minerality to the lemon curd and green peach flavors. **14<sup>95</sup>**