

HIGH SCORES

France - White Blend
Brotte Bord Elegance
Laudun Blanc 2025
\$16.99 – save \$8.



Maison Brotte draws on generations of experience in the Southern Rhône for this white from Laudun, blending Grenache Blanc with Clairette, Viognier and Roussanne grown on well-drained clay, sand and stony soils. "Fresh and commanding on the nose, where ripe orchard fruit and minerality are balanced by heady white rose and bergamot in a truly singular expression.

The palate is divine, where salinity rides a wave of mouth-watering acidity weaving white peach, white rose, and spice into something captivating. A second bottle alongside lobster armorica is strongly advised."

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94 James Suckling
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California -
 Sauvignon Blanc
Bedrock
Sauvignon Blanc 2025
\$25.99 – save \$9.

Bedrock's 2025 Sauvignon Blanc comes from two organically farmed Sonoma Valley sites, combining the aromatic Sauvignon Musqué planted at Bedrock Vineyard with fruit from the volcanic red soils of Beltane Ranch. Most

of the wine is fermented in seasoned French oak barrels and larger-format cigaes, building texture without sacrificing the energy and freshness that define

the vintage. Lemongrass, grapefruit, citrus and exotic yellow fruit run through a concentrated yet sharply focused palate that would be outstanding with oysters, ceviche, goat cheese or grilled seafood.

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Italy - Sangiovese
Caparzo
Brunello di Montalcino
2018

\$38.99 – save \$25.
 Caparzo helped establish the modern reputation of Brunello and today, under owner Elisabetta Gnudi, draws on vineyards positioned across several parts of Montalcino to create a layered expression of 100% Sangiovese. The 2018 vintage produced a somewhat more graceful and approachable style of Brunello, and this wine combines the estate's traditional structure

with enough bottle age to be entering a very attractive drinking window. Cherry and blackberry mingle with dried flowers, tobacco, herbs, earth and spice, supported by firm polished tannins that call for bistecca, braised beef, lamb or aged Pecorino.

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Oregon - Pinot Noir
Drouhin Roserock
Pinot Noir 2024
\$33.99 – save \$5.

The Drouhin family's Roserock estate sits at the southern end of the Eola-Amity Hills, where ancient volcanic soils and cooling winds through the Van Duzer Corridor create superb conditions for elegant

Pinot Noir. The 2024 beautifully captures the combination of ripeness and tension that makes this site distinctive, delivering generous fruit without sacrificing the precision associated with the Drouhin style. Raspberry, black cherry and strawberry meet violet, dried herbs, earth and subtle spice on a silky, energetic palate that will drink beautifully with salmon, duck, roast chicken or wild mushrooms.

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BIG SAVINGS

Washington - Sparkling
RM Wineries
PNW Blanc de Blancs
Brut NV

\$11.99 – save \$10.
 Produced by RM Wineries, the family-owned Washington company founded by pioneering grower Jerry Milbrandt, PNW Blanc de Blancs reflects a decades-long commitment to showcasing the quality and value of Washington-grown wine. Bright, crisp and refreshingly uncomplicated, this sparkling wine emphasizes fresh fruit, lively acidity and an easy-drinking style that makes it equally at home as an aperitif or at the table. Green apple, pear and citrus lead into subtle floral and fresh-bread notes with a clean, energetic finish—perfect with oysters, sushi, fried chicken, salty appetizers or your next celebration.

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BIG SAVINGS

Washington - Malbec
Damsel Cellars
Candy Mountain
Vineyard Malbec 2021
\$16.99 – save \$11.

Woodinville-based Damsel Cellars is the project of owner and winemaker Mari Womack, whose small-production wines focus on expressive fruit from distinctive Washington vineyards. This 2021 Malbec comes from Candy Mountain, Washington's smallest AVA, where warm days and well-drained slopes produce deeply flavored fruit while cool nights help maintain balance. Expect blackberry and dark plum layered with violet, cocoa and savory spice, wrapped in supple tannins that make this an easy match for grilled steak, burgers, barbecue or braised short ribs.



Washington - Chenin Blanc
Orr Wines Columbia Valley
Old Vine Chenin Blanc 2025
\$17.99 – save \$14.

Winemaker Erica Orr sources this 100% Chenin Blanc from the Roza Hills, Upland and Holmason vineyards, drawing on some of Washington's mature Chenin plantings to create one of the state's most distinctive white wines. The hand-harvested 2025 was picked slightly earlier for freshness, fermented naturally with native yeast and aged in a combination of neutral French oak and stainless steel. Lime, honeydew and crisp green fruit lead into mouthwatering acidity and a mineral, bone-dry finish that is excellent with oysters, shellfish, roast chicken, spicy Asian dishes or goat cheese.



California - Sauvignon Blanc
Sinegal Estate
"Details" North Coast
Sauvignon Blanc 2023
\$12.99 – save \$17.

Details was created by Sinegal Estate to deliver the same attention to vineyard sourcing and winemaking at a more approachable price, with much of the Sauvignon Blanc fruit coming from Sonoma Valley. The 2023 emphasizes freshness and aromatic intensity rather than weight, making this an especially versatile California Sauvignon Blanc. Lemon zest, white flowers and honeycomb introduce flavors of apricot, grapefruit and melon, finishing bright and mineral alongside seafood, chèvre, salads or grilled vegetables.



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FALL WINES

Spain - Mencia
Avancia
Cuvée de O Mencia 2023
\$23.99 – save \$6.

Bodegas Avancia works the steep, slate-dominated hillsides of Valdeorras, where Mencía takes on a distinctly mineral, energetic character far removed from heavier Spanish reds. The 2023 Cuvée de O emphasizes purity and freshness, marrying ripe fruit with the savory, rocky character of vineyards high above the Sil River. Black cherry, blackberry and sour cherry meet violets, herbs and subtle spice, with bright acidity and firm but polished tannins making this terrific with grilled pork, lamb, mushrooms or charcuterie.



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FALL WINES

Italy - Sangiovese
Altesino
Rosso di Montalcino
2024
\$21.99 – save \$5.

"The 2024 Rosso di Montalcino is dusty and darkly floral. Rosemary and gravel dust on the entry give way to dried black cherries and hints of spice. This is silken and supple, with polished red berry fruit and perfumed inner rose tones that create a truly classic feel. Fresh acidity maintains energy and verve as the 2024 tapers off with a web of fine tannins and exceptional length. This is a fantastic Rosso from Altesino that verges on a baby Brunello."



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Washington - Red Blend
Sonder
Red Field Blend
2022
\$12.99 – save \$8.

Sonder's 2022 Red Field Blend is a lively Washington blend built around Counoise and Grenache, with Cinsault, Viognier and Roussanne adding perfume, freshness and complexity. Co-fermentation, partial whole-cluster use and carbonic influence give the wine a bright, lifted character, emphasizing juicy red fruit and savory spice over weight or oak. Red currant, raspberry and wild berry notes mingle with herbs, pepper and a subtle smoky edge, finishing fresh and energetic alongside charcuterie, grilled pork, roast chicken or Mediterranean dishes.



FALL WINES

Italy - Barbera

Ca' Gialla

Barbera d'Alba 2024

\$12.99 – save \$7.

Ca' Gialla is produced by Marco Porello, whose family has farmed the hills of Roero for three generations and whose vineyards reflect the marine clay, sand and limestone soils surrounding Canale and Vezza d'Alba.



The 2024 is 100% Barbera, hand harvested and aged in stainless steel and cement to preserve the grape's vibrant fruit and naturally energetic acidity. Juicy cherry, red plum and wild berries meet violets and subtle earth on a supple, mouthwatering palate that is perfect with pizza, tomato-based pasta, sausage, burgers or roasted vegetables.

RED

Oregon - Pinot Noir

Foris Pinot Noir 2024

\$15.99 – save \$8.

Foris has been one of Southern Oregon's benchmark estate producers for decades, farming in the cool Illinois Valley at the western edge of the Rogue Valley where Pinot Noir retains unusual freshness and perfume. Oak is handled gently, with the winery favoring seasoned French barrels over a heavy new-oak signature so the fruit remains front and center. Black cherry, raspberry and blackberry mingle with violets, tea, earth and subtle barrel spice, finishing silky and fresh enough for salmon, roast chicken, pork tenderloin or mushroom dishes.



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RED

Italy - Nebbiolo

Viberti Langhe Nebbiolo 2023

\$22.99 – save \$9.

Giovanni Viberti is a historic Barolo estate, and this Langhe Nebbiolo draws from vineyards in Barolo and neighboring Novello to offer a more immediate expression of the same noble grape. Made from 100% Nebbiolo, the 2023 captures the perfume and structure of the Langhe while remaining considerably more approachable in its youth than Barolo.



Red cherry and wild strawberry meet violet, dried herbs and gentle spice, backed by bright acidity and fine tannins that make it ideal with risotto, mushroom pasta, roast pork or aged cheeses.

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France - Red Blend

Domaine

Notre Dame des Pallières Sablet Rouge "L'Olivet" 2024

\$16.99 – save \$4.

Notre Dame des Pallières works old vines around the Southern Rhône village of Sablet, with Grenache planted on clay-limestone slopes and Syrah rooted closer to the village in more siliceous limestone soils. The fruit is hand harvested, completely destemmed and vinified separately before blending, producing a fleshy but fresh expression of this often-overlooked Rhône village. Black cherry, blackberry and red fruit mingle with pepper, herbs and licorice over silky tannins, making this an excellent choice with



lamb, grilled meats, sausages or hearty Provençal dishes.

93 Decanter

France - Red Blend

Chateau D'Hanteillan Haut Medoc

Cru Bourgeois 2019

\$14.99 – save \$8.

"The 2019 d'Hanteillan is impeccable. Bright, fresh and vibrant, the 2019 possesses striking aromatic complexity that is immediately alluring. Rose petal, mint and blood orange accents lend tons of complexity to the red berry fruit. D'Hanteillan is



an absolute winner that shows how compelling 2019 can be. It should be a steal, too."

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WHITE

France - Aligote

Domaine

Francois Carillon

Aligote

2023

\$26.99 – save \$23.

François Carillon comes from one of Puligny-Montrachet's oldest winegrowing families, and his Aligoté comes from mature vines in and around Puligny and Corpeau planted to the prized Aligoté Doré selection. Carillon treats the variety with unusual seriousness, hand harvesting the fruit and giving the wine an élevage in small French oak barrels much like his more prestigious white Burgundies. Lime, green apple and pear meet citrus, subtle orchard fruit and a mineral edge, with vibrant acidity and surprising texture making this superb with oysters, gougères, shellfish or simply as an aperitif.



SATURDAY TASTING EVENTS:

September

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Sept 5, 2-4PM



A tasting event featuring Grenache from around the globe offers a fantastic opportunity to explore how distinct climates and terroirs shape the versatile profile of this beloved grape. Guests can embark on a sensory journey, comparing rich, ripe red fruit and warm spice notes with the elegant, mineral-driven expressions found across different regional terroirs.

Sept 12, 2-4PM

The HotSheet! 9/26

Sept 19, 2-4PM



Sept 26, 2-4PM



ONE MORE THING... WINE STORAGE

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WHITE



Italy - Pecorino
**La Valentina Pecorino
2023**

\$14.99 – save \$5.

Fattoria La Valentina farms in the hills of Abruzzo near Pescara, where Pecorino has emerged as one of central Italy's most exciting native white varieties. The 2023 is 100% Pecorino, fermented in stainless steel and given time on its lees to add texture while retaining the grape's naturally vivid acidity and mineral drive. Lemon, green apple and pear mingle with white flowers, herbs, almond and a salty mineral note, making this a refreshing partner for shellfish, grilled fish, calamari or fresh cheeses.

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Spain - Albarino
**Vina Nora
Albarino 'Peitan'
2024**

\$16.99 – save \$4.

"The 2024 Albariño Peitán comes from Rías Baixas. In a floral, direct style, it delivers aromas of orange blossom, lemon peel and white peach. It's broad and gently rich, with well-balanced freshness, offering a simple yet expressive profile typical of the Miño area. This is a flavorful white best enjoyed young."

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Join us as we sample some of the wines featured on this month's HotSheet – also featuring Brovo.

We'll be going on a tasting trip around the boot as we explore the diverse and captivating wines of Italy, featuring a special showcase from the iconic Icelandic spirits brand, Brennivin. Guests can embark on a sensory journey across Italy's distinct landscapes, discovering how regional terroirs shape a wide spectrum of unique flavors, complemented by unique selections from this celebrated Nordic brand.

Enjoy a journey across the dramatic landscapes of Argentina, from the high-altitude vineyards of Mendoza to the rugged valleys of Patagonia. Discover some of South America's most exciting and vibrant bottles. No Car? No problem! We're just a half a block from the SODO Light Rail Station.