

Prices good 'til October 31

HIGH SCORES

Argentina - Malbec
Tapiz Malbec
Alta Collection 2023
\$17.99 – save \$8

Tapiz draws this Malbec from high-elevation vineyards in Mendoza's Uco Valley, where cool nights and well-drained alluvial soils help preserve freshness and aromatic intensity in the ripe fruit. The 2023 combines generous Malbec character with polished oak influence, offering richness without losing balance or energy. Blackberry, plum and violet mingle with cracked pepper, spice and subtle vanilla, framed by fine tannins and a fresh finish that makes this a natural partner for grilled steak, lamb or hearty mushroom dishes.

94 James Suckling



New Zealand - Sauvignon Blanc
Dog Point Sauvignon Blanc 2025
\$19.99 – save \$15.

Far from your average Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc, this iconic 2025 release delivers serious depth, texture and mineral-driven intensity in a remarkably polished package. Grapefruit, lime, white peach and subtle tropical fruit are layered with flinty minerality, fresh herbs and a savory, saline edge, while indigenous-yeast fermentation and lees contact add impressive complexity. Vibrant acidity keeps everything focused and energetic through a long, mouthwatering finish, making it a standout with oysters, shellfish, goat cheese, grilled fish and fresh herb-driven dishes.

94 The Wine Advocate
97 Points James Halliday



Spain - Tempranillo
Ramirez de la Piscina
Rioja Crianza 2021
\$16.99 – save \$7.

Ramírez de la Piscina works in San Vicente de la Sonsierra in Rioja Alta, sourcing this 100% Tempranillo from mature vineyards planted on the region's limestone-rich clay soils. The 2021 spends 14 months in French and American oak followed by additional bottle aging, giving the wine both polish and traditional Rioja complexity. Blueberry, cherry and red berry fruit are layered with spice, leather and subtle balsamic notes, while smooth tannins make it equally appealing with lamb chops, pork, roasted vegetables or Manchego.



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BIG SAVINGS

France - Pinot Noir
Vincent Girardin
Bourgogne Cuvée Saint
Vincent Pinot Noir 2022
\$24.99 – save \$20

Based in Meursault, Vincent Girardin has built a reputation for precise, terroir-driven Burgundy, and the Cuvée Saint-Vincent brings that philosophy to an accessible regional Pinot Noir. Fruit sourced primarily from the Côte de Beaune is grown on classic clay-limestone soils, with the wine receiving an élevage in barrel that adds texture while preserving Pinot Noir's natural freshness. Raspberry, strawberry, cassis and red cherry lead into subtle earth and spice, with silky tannins making this beautiful with roast chicken, duck, mushrooms, charcuterie or salmon. *One time deal limited to stock on hand!!!*



France - Chardonnay
Thierry & Pascale Matrot
Bourgogne Chardonnay 2022
\$21.99 – save \$20.

The Matrot family has been established in Meursault for generations, and today the domaine continues under a family approach focused on thoughtful farming and transparent expressions of Burgundy's limestone-rich terroirs. Their Bourgogne Chardonnay comes from parcels near the border of the Meursault appellation, offering an intriguing glimpse of Côte de Beaune character at the regional level. Citrus and orchard fruit are joined by fresh hazelnut, almond and a subtle mineral edge, with enough roundness for roast chicken or creamy dishes yet enough freshness for grilled fish and shellfish. *One time deal, limited to stock on hand!!!*



Oregon - Pinot Noir
Domaine Roy
Pinot Noir
Willamette Valley 2024
\$29.99 – save \$18.

Domaine Roy & Fils brings a meticulous, vineyard-driven approach to Oregon Pinot Noir, with the estate now under the ownership of Tuscany's historic Frescobaldi family. The 2024 Willamette Valley bottling emphasizes purity and finesse rather than weight, with a polished texture and a distinctly savory edge. Red cherry, raspberry and wild strawberry are joined by subtle earth and spice, with silky tannins and bright acidity making this terrific with grilled salmon, duck, mushrooms or roast chicken.

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BIG SAVINGS



Italy - Sangiovese
Carpenito
Chianti Classico 2020
\$26.99 – save \$11.

This top 100 wine of 2025 delivers classic Tuscan character with a polished edge, combining ripe cherry fruit, savory herbs and earthy spice in a structured, food-friendly style. Notes of red plum, dried flowers, tobacco and cedar unfold across the palate, supported by firm but refined tannins and bright acidity.

Balanced and persistent through the finish, it is a natural match for roast pork, bistecca, wild mushroom dishes, aged cheeses and tomato-based pastas.

93 Points,
#25 Wine Spectator top 100

Washington - Red Blend
Sagemoor
Estate Red Blend 2022
\$12.99 – save \$17

Sagemoor's Estate Red Blend draws on fruit from one of Washington's most historic vineyard operations, whose Columbia Valley sites have supplied many of the state's leading wineries for decades. The 2022 delivers the ripe fruit and generous texture Washington does so well while retaining enough freshness and structure to keep everything balanced. Plum, currant and black cherry are joined by a dusting of cocoa and savory spice, making this an easy match for burgers, grilled steak, barbecue or hearty pasta dishes.



HARVEST WINES

France - Chenin Blanc
Domaine Pichot
Vouvray 2024
\$16.99 – save \$13.

The Pichot family has deep roots in Vouvray, with the Coteau de la Biche vineyard in family hands since 1770, and this dry Chenin Blanc comes from a prime southeast-facing site in the Vallée de Nouys. The small 2024 vintage produced beautifully focused fruit, fermented primarily in stainless steel with a small portion raised in older large-format barrels to add texture without sacrificing freshness. Pear, quince and citrus lead into touches of honey, spice and chalky minerality, finishing long and mouthwatering—excellent with roast chicken, pork, richer fish or goat cheese.



France - Rhone Blend
Domaine Brunely
Cuvée Raphael Vacqueyras 2023
\$16.99 – save \$13.

Domaine Brunely's Cuvée Raphaël brings together the classic grapes of the southern Rhône—Grenache, Syrah, Mourvèdre, Cinsault and Carignan—in a generous but distinctly savory expression of Vacqueyras. The warm Mediterranean climate builds richness while the region's soils and cooling influences preserve enough freshness to keep the wine energetic and food-friendly.

Black raspberry, blackberry and dark plum meet pepper, wild herbs, earth and classic garrigue, making this a terrific choice for lamb, grilled sausages, braised meats or Provençal dishes.

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Italy - Brachetto
Banfi
Rosa Regale
Italian Sparkling
Red 2024
\$9.99 – save \$14.

Rosa Regale is Banfi's celebratory take on Brachetto d'Acqui, the aromatic red grape of Piedmont that produces one of Italy's most distinctive lightly sparkling wines. Its gentle effervescence and natural sweetness are balanced by lively acidity, keeping the wine refreshing and wonderfully easy to drink rather than heavy. Fresh raspberry, wild strawberry and rose petal dominate the aromatic palate, making this especially delicious with chocolate, berries, fruit tarts or served well chilled on its own.

Italy - Sparkling
Le Origini dal 1919
Lambrusco di Castelvetro
Passanello 2025
\$17.99 – save \$5

Le Origini dal 1919 produces Passanello from 100% Lambrusco Grasparossa in the hills around Castelvetro in Emilia-Romagna, where clay-rich soils help give this style more structure and tannin than many people expect from Lambrusco. The wine undergoes a short skin maceration before completing its sparkling production in autoclave, preserving vibrant fruit, freshness and aromatic intensity.

Ruby-colored and lively, it offers violet, dark berry and earthy notes with gentle sweetness and refreshing tannin—fantastic slightly chilled alongside salumi, pizza, tomato-based pasta, Parmigiano-Reggiano or grilled meats.



RED



France - Red Bordeaux Blend

Château Moulin de Grenet Lussac-St.-Emilion 2022

\$13.99 – save \$7.

Owned by the Roskam-Brunot family of Château Cantenac, Moulin de Grenet sits on a limestone plateau and clay-limestone slopes in Lussac-Saint-Émilion, and the 2022 bottling is produced entirely from Merlot.

This sun-filled vintage delivers generous fruit and a supple texture

while retaining the savory structure and freshness characteristic of the appellation. Blackberry, cassis, cherry and raspberry meet floral, spice and lightly toasted notes, with a broad silky palate and fine tannins ideally suited to roast beef, lamb, duck or mushroom dishes.

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Spain - Garnacha
Bodegas Nekeas Cepa por Cepa Garnacha 2024
\$9.99 – save \$5.

Cepa por Cepa showcases the fresher, more delicate side of Navarra Garnacha, made from carefully selected vines descended from old local clones and grown in a climate influenced by both the Atlantic and Mediterranean.

Fermentation takes place in temperature-controlled stainless steel before malolactic fermentation in used French barrels, preserving bright fruit while adding subtle texture. Raspberry, plum and pomegranate meet white pepper, anise, tea and earthy spice in a juicy, transparent red that works beautifully with tapas, roast chicken, grilled pork or charcuterie.

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France - Red Blend

Les Darons by Jeff Carrel 2024
\$14.99 – save \$7.

Jeff Carrel's Les Darons is built around old-vine Mediterranean varieties from the Languedoc, delivering generous fruit, spice and southern French character in an easygoing but flavorful style. Grenache provides the ripe fruit at the core, supported by Syrah

and other traditional varieties that contribute structure, savory complexity and the unmistakable scent of garrigue. Boysenberry and blackberry are layered with thyme, pepper and dried herbs, finishing with firm but approachable tannins that pair especially well with grilled meats, sausages and rustic Mediterranean dishes.

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California - Cabernet Sauvignon
Bonny Doon Exploration Series Cabernet Sauvignon 2023
\$13.99 – save \$8.

Bonny Doon's Exploration Series turns its attention to Paso Robles for this expressive blend of Cabernet Sauvignon and Syrah, taking advantage of the region's hot afternoons and dramatically cooler nights. Cabernet supplies structure and ripe black fruit while the small addition of Syrah adds extra depth, texture and savory spice without overwhelming the wine's freshness. Blackberry, plum and dark cherry fill the palate with silky tannins and a spicy finish, making this an easy match for grilled beef, burgers, barbecue or braised short ribs.



WHITE

France - Sauvignon Blanc
Henri Bourgeois Sancerre Blanc 2025
\$29.99 – save \$15.



The Bourgeois family has been making wine in Sancerre for generations and remains one of the appellation's most recognizable producers, crafting Sauvignon Blanc that emphasizes freshness, minerality and Loire Valley character. The 2025 is a lively, precise expression of Sancerre, marrying bright citrus and orchard fruit with the herbal lift and mineral

backbone that define the region. Lemon, grapefruit and green apple lead into subtle white flowers and a crisp, stony finish—perfect with oysters, goat cheese, shellfish, sushi or simply as an aperitif.

Spain - Verdejo
Arindo Verdejo 2024
\$11.99 – save \$8.

Produced by Bodegas Shaya, part of the Gil family of wineries, Arindo offers a bright and approachable look at Verdejo from Spain's Rueda region. Made from 100% Verdejo, the emphasis is on preserving the grape's naturally vibrant fruit, aromatic character and refreshing acidity. Citrus, grapefruit and green orchard fruit mingle with delicate herbs and flowers before a clean, crisp finish—ideal with shellfish, ceviche, salads, lighter tapas or fresh cheeses.





WHITE

Washington - White Blend
Secret Squirrel White Blend 2024
\$12.99 – save \$7.

The best vintage I've tasted yet, Secret Squirrel's limited White Blend is crafted for pure drinkability, bringing together bright fruit, freshness and enough texture to make it more interesting than a simple porch-pounder. The 2024 is lively and aromatic, balancing juicy orchard and citrus fruit with floral character and an easygoing, refreshing finish. Think pear, apple, white peach and lemon with a subtle tropical edge—an effortless match for seafood, salads, chicken, light pasta dishes or a sunny afternoon.

Italy - Pinot Bianco
Terlan Pinot Bianco 2024
\$23.99 – save \$16.

Founded in 1893, Cantina Terlan has become one of Alto Adige's benchmark producers, particularly renowned for mineral-driven white wines grown on the region's distinctive porphyry-rich soils. The 2024 Pinot Bianco is fermented and matured in stainless steel to preserve precision, freshness and the grape's naturally elegant character. Pear, apple, quince and citrus mingle with delicate floral notes and a wonderfully saline, stony finish—an outstanding match for seafood, shellfish, grilled fish or fresh cheeses.

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The HotSheet! 10/26



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

Discover the craft and dedication behind Woodinville Whiskey with an exclusive tasting of their award-winning local spirits. Experience the rich, grain-to-glass flavors of their handcrafted bourbons and ryes, aged to perfection in

Sat, Oct 17, 2-4PM



Explore the distinct, expressive wines of SAMA Cellars, crafted by owner and winemaker Chaitanya "Chaz" Bangur. Sample these thoughtfully crafted bottles and discover new favorites from one of Washington's most exciting wineries.



Experience the smooth, balanced profile of Libelula and the nuanced, smoky depth of Banhez Mezcal Joven, produced by family farm co-ops in Oaxaca. Learn how traditional artisanal methods bring out their unique character.

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