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HIGH SCORES

Italy - Sangiovese

San Giorgio Ugolforte Brunello di Montalcino 2021

$44.99 – save $13.



From the historic San Giorgio estate near Castelnuovo dell'Abate in southern Montalcino, Ugolforte is a traditionally styled Brunello crafted entirely from Sangiovese. The outstanding 2021 vintage delivers concentrated dark cherry, blackberry, dried herbs, and tobacco, supported by earthy complexity, firm yet refined tannins, and a long, elegant finish. Beautifully suited to autumn and winter meals featuring braised short ribs, roasted lamb, wild mushrooms, or aged Pecorino, this Brunello also offers excellent aging potential.

94 The Wine Advocate
94 Robert Parker

Italy - Arneis

Vietti Arneis 2025

$22.99 – save $6.



In the sandy hills of Piedmont's Roero region, Vietti produces this beautifully expressive Arneis, offering fragrant aromas of white peah, ripe pear, citrus blossom, and subtle hints of almond. The palate combines generous orchard fruit with a supple texture, refreshing acidity, and a delicate mineral character that carries through the elegant finish. Its balance of richness and freshness makes it an excellent companion to herb-roasted turkey, creamy mushroom risotto, or butternut squash ravioli.

94 Vinous



Italy - Nebbiolo

Vajra Albe Barolo 2022

$34.99 – save $10.

Sourced from vineyards with varying elevations and exposures in the hills surrounding Barolo, G.D. Vajra's Albe captures the elegance and aromatic complexity of Nebbiolo with fragrant rose petals, red cherries, raspberries, dried herbs, and subtle spice. The 2022 vintage offers expressive fruit balanced by lively acidity and structured tannins, creating a wine with both youthful appeal and the ability to develop additional complexity with age. Particularly well suited to the cooler months, it's an exceptional companion to braised beef, wild mushroom risotto, truffle dishes, or aged cheeses.

94 Wine Spectator
94 The Wine Advocate

Spain - Tempranillo

Marquis Murrieta Rioja Reserva 2021

$24.99 – save $25.



Produced from the historic Ygay Estate by one of Rioja's most distinguished wineries, the 2021 Marqués de Murrieta Reserva combines Tempranillo with traditional Rioja varieties to create a beautifully balanced and complex Spanish red. Extended aging in American oak contributes elegant notes of cedar, tobacco, and warm spice to its concentrated black cherry, cassis, and red berry flavors, while refined tannins and refreshing acidity provide impressive structure. A superb choice for cooler evenings and holiday dinners featuring roasted lamb, grilled beef, herb-crusted pork, or traditional Spanish cuisine.

96 Decanter
96 Jeb Dunnuck

BIG SAVINGS

France - Sparkling

Champagne Drappier Carte d'Or Brut NV

$44.99 – save $22.



A family with roots in Champagne dating back to 1808, Drappier's Pinot Noir-dominant Carte d'Or offers enticing aromas of white peach, orchard fruit, and delicate spice, accompanied by a fine, creamy mousse. Its generous texture, impressive depth, and balanced acidity reflect the house's distinctive style, combining richness with elegance and freshness. An outstanding Champagne for holiday celebrations, particularly alongside smoked salmon, roasted poultry, rich seafood dishes, or creamy cheeses.

93 James Suckling

France - Chardonnay

Denante Bourgogne Blanc 2024

$19.99 – save $14.



Located in Burgundy's Mâconnais, Domaine de la Denante produces this elegant Chardonnay with expressive notes of crisp apple, ripe pear, lemon zest, and delicate white flowers. The wine's fresh acidity, subtle mineral character, and smooth texture create a beautifully balanced expression of white Burgundy with an appealing combination of richness and precision. A versatile addition to the autumn table, especially alongside roasted chicken, baked fish, creamy mushroom dishes, or holiday seafood appetizers.

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Washington - Cabernet Sauvignon

Valdemar Estates
Entre Nosotros
Cabernet Sauvignon 2022



$25.99 – save $34.

From the fifth-generation Valdemar family, whose winemaking heritage began in Spain's Rioja region, this Columbia Valley red combines Cabernet Sauvignon with complementary Bordeaux varieties and Syrah to create a rich, expressive Washington wine. Layers of blackberry, ripe plum, dark chocolate, and roasted coffee are supported by polished tannins, generous concentration, and a long, satisfying finish. An excellent choice for hearty autumn meals featuring grilled ribeye, braised short ribs, rosemary-crusted lamb, or richly flavored stews.

94 Decanter, 91 Wine Spectator, 91 James Suckling, 91 Jeb Dunnuck

Oregon - Pinot Noir

Soter Estate Pinot Noir 2023

THANKSGIVING WINES

Oregon - Pinot Noir

Phelps Creek
Le Petit Pinot Noir 2024
$13.99 – save $11.



Here's a carbonic Pinot Noir that puts pure drinking pleasure ahead of pretension! Produced in Oregon's Columbia Gorge, Phelps Creek's Le Petit is an energetic, lighter-bodied expression of Pinot Noir, bursting with juicy strawberries, bright cherries, fresh herbs, and a touch of spice. With its refreshing acidity and gentle tannins, it's delicious served slightly chilled alongside grilled salmon, roasted turkey, or a selection of charcuterie.

THANKSGIVING WINES



France - Gamay Noir

Potel
Beaujolais Villages 2023
$14.99 – save $10

Made from Gamay grown in the rolling hills of Beaujolais, Nicolas Potel's 2023 offers an irresistible combination of juicy cherries, crushed strawberries, raspberries, and subtle earthy spice, supported by lively acidity and supple tannins. Light enough for an afternoon gathering yet flavorful enough for the dinner table, it's particularly enjoyable with roast chicken, charcuterie, or grilled pork. Perfect for Thanksgiving!

90 Wine Enthusiast

France - Sparkling

Moillard
Cremant d' Bourgogne Brut 2024
$16.99 – save $11.

Moillard Crémant de Bourgogne Brut offers an elegant expression of Burgundy sparkling wine, with fine, persistent bubbles and inviting aromas of crisp green apple, citrus, and freshly baked brioche. Crafted using the traditional method, it combines refreshing acidity with a creamy texture and a clean, lively finish. An excellent choice for holiday entertaining, this versatile sparkler pairs beautifully with oysters, smoked salmon, and festive appetizers.



THANKSGIVING WINES

France - Semillon



Chateau Sichel
Sauternes 2023 - 375ml
$16.99 – save $10.

This luscious dessert wine combines the richness of botrytized grapes with beautiful layers of dried apricot, honey, orange marmalade, and candied citrus. Its golden color, silky texture, and concentrated sweetness are balanced by refreshing acidity, creating an elegant wine with a lingering finish. Presented in a convenient half-bottle, it's a wonderful conclusion to a holiday dinner alongside blue cheese, pear tart, crème brûlée, or foie gras.

France - Gewurztraminer

Francois Schmitt
L'un des Sept
Gewurztraminer 2023
$22.99 – save $7.



Nestled in the picturesque Alsace village of Orschwihr, Domaine François Schmitt crafts this aromatic Gewürztraminer with fragrant notes of lychee, fresh rose petals, delicate lilac, and exotic spice. The 2023 vintage offers expressive floral and tropical fruit flavors balanced by refreshing acidity, creating an elegant wine with a supple texture and lingering, aromatic finish. Its distinctive character makes it a wonderful choice for Thanksgiving turkey, honey-glazed ham, aromatic Asian cuisine, or rich, creamy cheeses.

RED

Spain - Tempranillo



Vega Moragona
Tempranillo 2020
$11.99 – save $5.

Spain continues to deliver some of the most impressive red wine values anywhere, and this Tempranillo makes a convincing case! From Ribera del Júcar in Castilla-La Mancha, Vega Moragona offers generous blackberry, dark plum, and blueberry flavors layered with hints of chocolate, earthy spice, and smooth, well-integrated tannins. Rich enough for grilled steaks or lamb yet approachable enough for everyday drinking, this is an outstanding choice for lovers of flavorful Spanish reds.

92 James Suckling

France - Rhone Blend

Crous Saint Martin
Hommage á l'an 1879
Chateauneuf du Pape 2023
$29.99 – save $20.



A Grenache-dominant blend offering ripe black cherries, kirsch, dark berries, and aromatic notes of wild thyme, licorice, and pepper. The wine's generous fruit, supple tannins, and lingering, spice-filled finish reflect the warmth and distinctive Mediterranean character of this celebrated region. Particularly enjoyable with slow-roasted lamb, duck confit, hearty beef stews, or Provençal dishes featuring aromatic herbs.

92 James Suckling
91 Vinous

France - Red Blend

Chateau Mayne-Veil
Fronsac 2020
$13.99 – save $16.



Located on Bordeaux's Right Bank near Saint-Émilion and Pomerol, Château Mayne-Vieil produces this Merlot-driven Fronsac with generous flavors of ripe blackberry, dark plum, and black cherry accented by roasted coffee, earthy spice, and subtle mineral notes. The excellent 2020 vintage contributes concentration and richness, while the wine's rounded texture, well-integrated tannins, and balanced finish make it approachable and satisfying. A natural match for cooler-weather meals featuring beef bourguignon, roasted lamb, braised short ribs, or hearty mushroom dishes.

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Washington - Red Blend

Top Source
Columbia Valley Red 2019
$19.99 – save $5.



Founded by Washington native Meredith Hyslop, Top Source focuses on distinctive vineyard sites, and this Columbia Valley red combines 60% Grenache and 40% Syrah in an elegant, Rhône-inspired blend. Layers of ripe black cherry, raspberry, and dark plum mingle with savory notes of black pepper, dried herbs, and crushed stone, while silky tannins and vibrant acidity provide beautiful balance. Its combination of generous fruit and savory complexity makes it an excellent companion to herb-roasted lamb, braised short ribs, or hearty autumn mushroom dishes.

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WHITE



Oregon - Chardonnay
Centerstone Willamette Valley Chardonnay 2018
$12.99 – save $9.
Sourced from the sustainably farmed Erratic Oaks Vineyard in Oregon's Willamette Valley, this unoaked Chardonnay offers ripe apple, juicy pear, and hints of tropical fruit, complemented by a generous texture and refreshing acidity. The 2018 vintage brings an appealing combination of mature fruit character, richness, and freshness, with subtle mineral notes adding complexity to the finish. An excellent companion to herb-roasted chicken, baked halibut, or creamy autumn vegetable dishes.

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Germany - Riesling
Berres Estate Old Vines Riesling 2022
$15.99 – save $9.
Old vines, steep slate vineyards, and generations of Mosel winemaking come together in this beautifully expressive German Riesling! Produced from mature vineyards surrounding Ürzig, this wine combines fragrant white flowers, ripe peach, yellow plum, and crisp apple with distinctive mineral notes and a delicate touch of sweetness balanced by lively acidity. Its combination of concentration and freshness makes it especially delicious with spicy Thai cuisine, glazed pork, poultry, or aromatic Asian dishes.



France - Chenin Blanc
Calvet Vouvray 2024
$15.99 – save $9.
Few white grapes offer the remarkable combination of fragrance, texture, and refreshing acidity found in Loire Valley Chenin Blanc! Calvet's Vouvray captures the variety's appealing character with ripe pear, yellow apple, delicate honeysuckle, and touches of honey, balanced by vibrant acidity and a gentle hint of sweetness. Delicious with spicy Asian cuisine, roasted pork, soft cheeses, or simply enjoyed on its own, this is an exceptionally versatile and inviting white wine.



New Zealand - Sauvignon Blanc
Wairau River 2025
$16.99 – save $12.
From the Rose family's estate vineyards in New Zealand's renowned Marlborough region, Wairau River Sauvignon Blanc offers vibrant aromas of passion fruit, pink grapefruit, fresh lime, and delicate herbal notes. The palate is lively and expressive, combining juicy tropical fruit with crisp citrus, refreshing acidity, and a clean, mouthwatering finish. Its bright, refreshing character makes it an excellent companion to holiday seafood appetizers, shrimp cocktails, herb-roasted turkey, or salads with goat cheese and seasonal citrus.

EVENTS: 206 682 7374/esquin.com

Nov 7, 2-4PM

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

Nov 14, 2-4PM

WILLAMETTE VS BURGUNDY

Test your palate in this head-to-head comparison between two of the world's premier Pinot Noir regions: Oregon's Willamette Valley and France's legendary Burgundy region.

LETTERPRESS DISTILLING

Discover the art of small-batch spirits with an exclusive tasting featuring Letterpress Distilling.

Nov 21, 2-4PM

Top-Shelf Tasting
Find your perfect pairing

Come join us and taste some of our favorite premium selections from the old world to help you plan the perfect holiday get-togethers.

Nov 24, 2-4PM

Last-Minute Essentials Tasting

Stop by for a quick tasting showcasing reliable crowd-pleasers and versatile food-friendly wines designed to handle every dish on your Thanksgiving menu.

ONE MORE THING... WINE STORAGE

Esquin Wine Storage enables you to protect your wine in your own wine locker, in a size that will be right for your collection. We provide a secure, temperature controlled space specially engineered for the proper cellaring of your valued wines. The wine-aging process is best managed by precise, consistent monitoring of temperature, humidity, light, and vibration. Give us a call for more info or stop by for a quick tour.