

SPRING WINES

Walla Walla - White Rhone Varietals

Tranche Pape Blanc Blue Mountain Vineyard 2020
\$18.99 – save \$11.

This Chateauneuf du Pape styled blend from Mike and Lauri's high elevation Blue Mountain Vineyard in Walla Walla is the perfect way to welcome Spring. Pape Blanc welcomes you with delicious aromas of stone fruit, honeysuckle, toasted almond, and freshly baked brioche. Concentrated flavors of melon, white peach, and Asian pear kiss your palate upon entry.

Portugal - Vinho Verde

Encostas do Lima Vinho Verde Rose 2018 \$9.99 – save \$3.

Located in beautiful Ponte de Lima; the oldest town in Portugal, characterized by its Roman bridge and medieval towers. This cooperative is based in the sub-region of Lima and is a delicious little low alcohol drinker. Fresh aromas of strawberry and raspberry along with subtle notes of citrus.

Italy - Grechetto

Sant' Angelus Sophia Grechetto di Todi 2022 \$17.99 – save \$5.

Bryan & Amy Williams, split their time between their home in Bellevue, raising their two children, Sophia & Scarlett, and their 90 acres in Umbria. We were shocked when we tasted the quality of what they are making in Italy. It has a beautiful floral nose with peach and pear notes and minerality creating a crisp refreshing wine. Maybe it's such a great value because Bryan delivers the wine himself!

Veneto - Sparkling

Bortolomiol Prior Valdobbiadene Prosecco Superiore Brut 2021
\$15.99 – save \$9.

This iconic estate is owned and run by Ottavia and her 4 daughters, "We have a female attitude towards the environment, to sustainability, regard for the territory, with the focus on energy saving, reducing waste and rationalizing the use of water." All I know is it's delicious Prosecco!

BIG SAVINGS

Argentina - Red Blend

Clos de los Siete Uco Valley Red 2019 \$9.99 – save \$14.

"This shows aromas of ripe blackberries and blueberries, vanilla, licorice, dark chocolate and sweet tobacco. Hints of nut shell, too. Medium-to full-bodied with fine, polished tannins and a sleek, silky texture. Juicy, with delicious fruit on the palate and notes of walnuts and chocolate to close. Firm, flavorful finish."

94 Points James Suckling

France - GSM

Chateau Rombeau Le Botaniste Reserve GSM 2018 \$16.99 – save \$12.

Organic! Domaine de Rombeau traces its origins to 1727, when the de la Fabrègue family first arrived in Rivesaltes from Lyon. This is a fruity and spicy with notes of underbrush, vanilla bean, and minerality. Pair with duck breast, beef tenderloin with morels, and other red meats.

Washington - Red Blend

Sagemoor Wines Estate Red 2021 \$20.99 – save \$14.

As longtime stewards of some of Washington's most prestigious vineyards, Sagemoor knows a thing or two about making great NW wine. And at a great special introductory price, now is the best time to try their expertise. "A sleek and flavorful red with aromas of dark raspberries, licorice, orange peel, toasted hazelnuts and bay leaves. Full-bodied with a fine-tannin frame. Excellent balance."

92 points James Suckling

Spain Albarino

Maccerrato Albarino 2022 \$13.99 – save \$10.

This is a hand-harvested estate-fruit wine from Val do Salnes. Notes of apple, fresh hay, pineapple, and natural vanilla draw you in, while the palate is lively, and fresh with pithy lemon rind. Clean and zesty on the finish with chiseled structure and acidity.

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HIGH SCORES

Beaujolais - Gamay

Robert Perroud Pollen Brouilly 2020
\$17.99 – save \$7.

"Deep, dark purple-red appearance. Intriguing combination of tart cranberry and redcurrant aromas with warming nutmeg and cloves. A soft and inviting palate with delicate tannins, lively acidity and plenty of plush red fruit that expands across the palate."

95 points Decanter

Australia - Fiano

Unico Zelo Jade & Jasper Fiano 2022
\$21.99 – save \$7.

"Change is sweeping through South Australia's vast Riverland region, with many vineyard owners embracing an array of Mediterranean grape varieties. This is what excites Brendon and Laura Carter of boutique Adelaide Hills winery Unico Zelo, who purchase Fiano from a dry-grown Waikerie vineyard for Jade and Jasper – one of four different Fiano styles they make from a variety of fruit sources. This affable, friendly interpretation is all about citrus freshness and crunchy texture on the mid-palate. Seductive, airy perfume of jasmine, lemon aspen and white peach, anchored on the palate by lemon curd and green apple bite with nashi pear and racy acidity leaving the flavours to linger."

97 Points Decanter

Spain Tempranillo

Portia Ribera del Duero Roble 2020
\$14.99 – save \$7.

"Beckoning nose of dark fruits, spice and judicious oak. The palate has a silky texture and a firm, dryish finish. This is a stellar young wine with outstanding concentration (for the price) and massive tannins tucked neatly into juicy fruit that will appeal to big red wine lovers. Superb value."

97 Points Decanter

Spain Txakoli

Hiruzta Bodega Txakolina 2022
\$17.99 save \$4.

"Super-bright, racy, fluent and tangy: so much energy and drive, just a hint of CO2 prickle, ripe red apple and saline finish."

95 Points Decanter

DOWNTOWN SPIRITS | ESQUIN

WHITE

New Zealand - Sauvignon Blanc
**Allan Scott Marlborough
Sauvignon Blanc 2022**
\$13.99 save \$6.

Aromatic, with terrific precision to the herbal details of white pepper, grapefruit, lemongrass and fresh-grated ginger. Packs a core of mouthwatering Meyer lemon, ruby grapefruit and green apple flavors showing a thread of savory salinity, with an intense, fresh finish. Drink now.

93 Wine Spectator

Washington - Viognier
**Jones of Washington
Viognier 2023**
\$13.99 – save \$7.

“Our 2023 Viognier, crafted in a warm vintage, captivates with its fruity allure. Aromas of ripe apricot, tangy citrus, and lush peach invite you in, while its smooth texture and juicy flavors create an elegant yet playful experience. Pair it seamlessly with a salmon dinner, fresh salads, or aged cheeses”

**Double Gold in last year's Seattle
Wine Awards**

Burgundy - Chardonnay
Lamblin Bourgogne Blanc 2022
\$15.99 – save \$6.

This Chablis-based firm has been under family control for 300 years now and run by Didier Lamblin and his brother Michel, at Esquin we've been loving the rare value their wine offers. Rich fruity nose, which offers beautiful citrus-fruit aromas, evolving into ripe fruits with peach dominating.

Whites - France
**Sauvignon Blanc
Chateau Briot
Bordeaux Blanc 2022**
\$11.99 save \$4.

100% sustainably farmed Sauvignon Blanc from the Ducourt family in Bordeaux. Pale yellow with greenish tints. Notes of citrus, peach and honey and the nose. Well-rounded, supple and fruity and the palate. Easy-drinking with a crisp and bright lasting finish. An instant staff favorite!

95 Decanter

RED

France - Cabernet Sauvignon Blend
**Petit Freylon Cuvee Michael
Bordeaux Rouge**
2019

\$14.99 – save \$5.
“A sleek and flavorful red with aromas of dark raspberries, licorice, orange peel, toasted hazelnuts and bay leaves. Full-bodied with a fine-tannin frame. Excellent balance.”

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Oregon - Pinot Noir
**Domiane Drouhin
Oregon Pinot Noir**
2021

\$38.99 save \$9.94
“The first Burgundy meets Oregon Pinot Noir is back from Drouhin's Dundee estate. “Graceful and fragrant, with delicately layered cherry and raspberry flavors laced with rose petal, dusky spices and a hint of fresh forest floor. Ends with refined tannins. Drink now through 2030.”

94 Wine Spectator

Washington - Red Blend
**Rocks of Bawn
Columbia Valley Red**
2020
\$16.99 – save \$5.

This may be the single winery we at Esquin have been the most excited about all year. David O'Reilly's new winery, started with his 4 daughters is sourcing fruit from some of the best vineyards in Yakima to produce this delicious Merlot-driven Bordeaux blend at an affordable price!

Italy - Sangiovese
Travignoli Busi Chianti Rufina
2020
\$14.99 – save \$5.

Travignoli, a name which literally means “Tra Vignoli” (between the vineyards), is located in the middle of Frescobaldi's Nipozzano vineyard, in the heart of the Rufina zone. The Etruscans called wine from this vineyard ‘The nectar of the gods’. This is an amazing food wine with pasta and meats.

UNDER \$10.

Piedmont - Barbera
Dezzani Casa Nostre Barbera
2021
\$9.99 – save \$5.

From Seattle's own Fruili Imports - an amazing value! This wine is beautiful in its simplicity, temperature controlled fermentation and aging in tank and barrel. It has elegant blackberry and cherry fruit with integrated yet seductive tannins with smoky tobacco notes.

France - Rose Blend
**Marius by M. Chapoutier
Pays d'Oc Rose 2023**
\$8.99 – save \$8.

2023 Rose is here!! Famous Hermitage producer Chapoutier's Pay D'Oc wines are amazing values. This month even more so! It is expressive and fruity, balanced by acidity, a blend of Grenache, Cinsault, and Syrah.

Spain - Rioja
Amona Rioja 2020
\$8.99 – save \$9.

Big savings on this inaugural release from Gil Family's Rosario Vera! We rarely see Rioja at such a great price. The Amona is a juicy, lush, gastronomic expression of Tempranillo, utilizing 15% Carbonic Maceration to add a fresh, ripe edge to the layers of Bing cherry and blueberry fruit that ride the medium-bodied palate to the brisk, spicy finish.

Portugal- Red Blend
Lago Duoro Valley Red
2020
\$8.99 – save \$3.

We are loving the amazing values coming out of Portugal. A delicious blend of typical grapes found in Port - Tinta Roriz, Touriga Nacional, Touriga Franca and Tinta Barroca.