

January Wine News

Happy New Year!



The New Year brings new arrivals, like these:

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Cheers & Enjoy!

Leschi Market’s Wine Department

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ED’S PICKS

2012 DeLille Cellars D2 Columbia Valley
\$47.99/\$41.99/\$37.79

2012 Joseph Phelps Chardonnay
Freestone Vineyard Sonoma Coast
\$61.99/\$39.99/\$35.99

2009 Evening Land Vineyards Chardonnay
‘Mad Hatter’ Willamette Valley
\$45.99/\$35.99/\$32.39

2012 Joseph Phelps ‘Fogdog’ Pinot Noir
Sonoma Coast \$38.99/\$26.99/\$24.29

2011 Flora Springs Chardonnay Napa Valley
\$26.99/\$13.99/\$12.59

2012 Domaine La Font du Vent Côtes du
Rhône Villages \$15.99/\$11.19/\$10.07

KENNY’S PICKS

Bollinger Champagne Special Cuvée NV
\$89.99/\$54.99/\$49.49

2012 Joseph Phelps Chardonnay Sonoma
Coast \$61.99/\$39.99/\$35.99

2009 G.D. Vajra Barolo Italy
\$53.99/\$37.99/\$34.19

2009 La Chablisienne Chablis 1er Cru
‘Montmilieu’ \$37.99/\$27.99/\$25.19

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2012 Remi Pouizin Les Pious Côte du Rhône
\$16.99/\$13.99/\$12.59

CHAD’S PICK’S

2009 Château du Coeur Rouge St. Emilion
\$21.99/\$18.69/\$16.82

2011 Brandborg Bench Lands Pinot Noir
Oregon \$23.99/\$17.79/\$16.01

2011 Mantellassi Morellino di Scansano
Rosso Italy \$17.99/\$14.99/\$13.49

2011 Southard Red Blend Columbia Valley
\$16.99/\$13.99/\$12.59

2013 Thurston Wolf PGV White WA
\$19.99/\$12.99/\$11.69

2012 Jean Pierre Blanc Apremont France
\$16.99/\$12.19/\$10.97



Red Wines

2009 Corliss Cabernet Sauvignon Columbia Valley \$92.99/\$79.99/\$71.99

“Also brilliant, with fantastic concentration and richness, the 2009 Cabernet Sauvignon offers plenty of toast, chocolate and tobacco leaf intermixed with dark currant and plum-styled fruit. Full-bodied, structured and seamless, with building tannin and integrated acidity, give it a few years in the cellar. Drink 2016 through 2036.”

–*Wine Advocate*, 95+ points. **New item.**

2012 Quilceda Creek Red Wine Columbia Valley \$55.99/\$47.99/\$43.19

“A declassified blend of mostly Cabernet Sauvignon, with splashes of Merlot and Malbec. It offers up plenty of classic Quilceda character with notions of blackberry liqueur, toasted spice, graphite and licorice as well as full-bodied richness and depth on the palate. Already supple and approachable, yet with notable tannin structure. Drink now through 2024.” –*Wine Advocate*, 92-94 points. **New vintage.**

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2009 G.D. Vajra Barolo Albe Nebbiolo Piedmont Italy \$53.99/\$37.99/\$34.19

“Albe wraps around the palate with gorgeous depth and richness. Deeply spiced notes lead to plum, black cherry, licorice, menthol, tar and licorice in a resonant, beautifully expressive Barolo loaded with near-term appeal. The 2009 is rich and incredibly inviting from the very first taste. I can’t think of too many Barolos in this price range that deliver so much quality and pure pleasure. Once again, Vajra has hit a home run with the Albe. – *Antonio Galloni*, 92 points. **New item.**

2013 Bedrock Old Vines Zinfandel Sonoma County \$33.99/\$28.69/\$25.82

A blend of legendary Sonoma County vineyards dating back to the 1880s. Makes a strong case for the best overall Zinfandel available today. It delivers the exuberance of this generous grape, but transcends any superficial tendencies with a layer or three of earth, tannin, baking spices and tip-top French oak treatment. A Zin that benefits from a few years in the cellar to develop gravitas and wow factor, but truly drinks great right out of the gates. **New item.**

2012 L’Ecole No 41 Cabernet Sauvignon Columbia Valley \$35.99/\$27.99/\$25.19

“With its classic varietal Cabernet profile, this focused and integrated wine shows layers of dark fruit, coffee, earth and baking spice. Flavors of plum, blackberry and cassis mingle with dusty fine tannins through a long, expressive finish.” –*Winemaker notes*. **New vintage.**

2012 Walla Walla Vintners Cuvée Washington \$32.99/\$27.09/\$24.36

“This Cuvée is a many faceted blend. 43% Merlot, 30% Cabernet Sauvignon. 12% Cabernet Franc, 6% Malbec, 4% Syrah, 3% Petit Verdot and 2% Carménère. It has an impressive range of flavors beginning with a ripe fig nose. The Cuvée continues with a savory complexity of clove, nutmeg and cinnamon spices, followed by a mid-palate of ripe Italian plum, raspberry-blackberry jam. The tobacco, dried-fruit, chewy finish hangs like a trapeze artist climbing a rope—what a grip!” –*Winemaker notes*. **New vintage.**

2013 Seghesio Zinfandel Sonoma County \$27.99/\$22.39/\$20.15

“A lively, zesty red that offers bright cherry and tarragon aromas and sleekly layered flavors of briary raspberry, nutmeg and fresh cracked black pepper. Drink now through 2021.

–*Wine Spectator*, 92 points. **New vintage.**

2011 Carpe Diem Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley \$32.99/\$19.99/\$17.99

“The wine is fruit forward, elegant, and exhibits soft tannins, making it pleasant to drink in its youth. Oak is used sparingly to keep Carpe Diem fresh and vibrant. Vinified under the strict supervision of Christian Moueix’s winemaking team in Yountville, California, Carpe Diem embodies the essence of Napa Valley classic Cabernet Sauvignon. It is a refreshing and straightforward wine expressing its bountiful fruit with bright aromas of wild strawberries and soft tannins.”

– *Winemaker notes*. **New vintage. Great price!**

2012 Caparzo Rosso di Montalcino \$21.99/\$18.69/\$16.82

A blend of Sangiovese, Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah, Merlot and Colorino. “Fresh strawberry, orange peel, mineral on nose. Fine tannin with mixture of spices, hint of animal character develop complexity. Slightly austere but enjoying it.” – *James Suckling*, 90 points



Sous Sol Red Blend Vieux Escalier 'Old Stairs' NV
\$17.99/\$14.99/\$13.49

A blend of grapes from two of the most famous vineyards in the state, DuBrul and Boushey. 48% 2011 Cabernet Sauvignon DuBrul, 29% 2012 Sangiovese Boushey, 11.5% 2013 Sangiovese Boushey, 8% 2013 Syrah DuBrul and 3.5% 2011 Syrah DuBrul. "The bouquet is full of dark fruit, cocoa and hints of spice. On the palate this wine offers a lush mouthfeel of ripe dark fruit, silky tannins and a lingering elegance."

—Winemaker notes. **New item.**

2013 Owen Roe Corvidae Lenore Syrah Columbia Valley
\$16.99/\$14.99/\$13.49

"Seeking out the best grapes from several vineyards throughout the Columbia and Yakima Valley, the 2013 Lenore Syrah shows the more opulent and balanced with its fruit forward attack and rounded, rich mid-palate texture. Aging in predominately neutral French oak maintains the bright berry and savory aromatics of this wild, gamy variety." —Winemaker notes. **New vintage.**

2012 Domaine La Font du Vent Côtes du Rhône Villages Notre Passion Famille Gonnet \$15.99/\$11.19/\$10.07

The Font du Vent estate is owned by the Gonnet family, owners of Domaine Font de Michelle in Chateaufort-du-Pape. The property holdings of the family were first enlarged over 60 years ago when vigneron Etienne Gonnet married Mademoiselle Brunier of the neighboring property, Vieux Telegraph. Today the Domaine is run by brothers Michel and Jean (grandsons of Etienne) along with their two sons Bertrand and Guillaume. **New item. Wonderful wine!**

2013 Chevalier Du Moulin Bordeaux \$12.99/\$7.99/\$7.19

An extraordinary find from France. An approachable blend of Malbec, Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc. Beautiful dark cherry, spices, and a pleasant earthy note. The mouthfeel is silky and balanced with a long fruity finish. **New vintage.**

2012 Château de Costis Rouge Bordeaux \$10.99/\$7.49/\$6.74

The Château de Costis is characterized by an extraordinary red-purple extreme density and amazing brilliance. This wine has a powerful nose of berries (blackberries, strawberries). On the palate it reveals a very nice, round wine with an amazing structure for simple Bordeaux. The balance is perfect. 40% Cabernet Franc, 35% Merlot, 25% Cabernet Sauvignon. **New vintage.**



Always at Leschi Market, mix and match any six bottles of wine for a 10% discount.

White Wines

2013 Buty Chardonnay Conner Lee Vineyard Columbia Valley
\$43.99/\$37.39/\$33.65

"While it displays the poise, structure and minerality that are hallmarks of Conner Lee, the warm 2013 vintage has also delivered alluring orange spice and tropical flower notes that accentuate the lovely depth and richness. On the silky palate, layers of zesty citrus mingle with chamomile, hibiscus and honeysuckle, resulting in a wine that effortlessly combines power and grace."

—Winemaker notes. **New vintage.**

2009 Evening Land Vineyards Chardonnay 'Mad Hatter' Willamette Valley \$45.99/\$35.99/\$32.39

"Attractive spice notes, jasmine, pear, and white peach aromas inform the nose of a vibrant, round, savory, medium-bodied Chardonnay. In the glass it displays moderate concentration, elegance, and a pure finish. This nicely balanced effort is likely to evolve for 1-2 years and drink well through 2018." —*Wine Advocate*, 90 points. **New item. Excellent price!**

2013 L'Ecole Chardonnay Columbia Valley
\$24.99/\$20.59/\$18.53

"Rich and round, with spicy white pepper and clove notes around a polished core of pear and red plum flavors, gliding smoothly into a long finish marked with lacy acidity. Drink now through 2017."

—*Wine Spectator*, 91 points

2013 L'Ecole No 41 Sémillon Columbia Valley
\$19.99/\$13.99/\$12.59

"Light and refreshing, this white offers flavors of tangy tangerine peel and grapefruit that pick up a creamy fig note as the finish lingers. Drink now through 2016." —*Wine Spectator*, 90 points

2014 Jules Taylor Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough
\$16.99/\$13.99/\$12.59

"Made in quintessentially Marlborough style, this Sauvignon shows bright, lifted aromas of passion fruit, white fleshed nectarines, fruit salad and currant leaf. The palate is loaded with fresh, vibrant tropical fruit and herbaceous flavors. With its well defined backbone of acid this mouthful of goodness rolls out to a long dry finish. Our Sauvignon Blanc has twice won Champion Sauvignon Blanc trophy at the Air New Zealand Wine Awards." —Winemaker notes. **New vintage.**

2013 Château Pech Celeyran Cuvée Blanc Côteaux du Languedoc \$12.99/\$9.39/\$8.45

"A fresh, inviting blend of 80% Chardonnay and 20% Viognier, with a lightly floral nose and lovely flavors of stone fruit. Stainless steel."

—Nicolas Saint-Exupery, winemaker (yes, it's the same family as the author of *The Little Prince*). Small Vineyards. **New item.**

Best Sellers At Leschi Market

WHITE WINES

1. 2013 Oisly et Thesee Touraine Sauvignon Blanc Les Gourmets
\$8.99/\$7.49/\$6.74
2. 2013 Dashwood Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough New Zealand
\$18.99/\$11.19/\$10.07
3. 2013 Domaine Talmard Macon-Chardonnay \$12.99/\$10.29/\$9.26
4. 2013 Wente Vineyards Riva Ranch Arroyo Seco Chardonnay
\$24.99/\$14.99/\$13.49
5. 2013 Mont Gravet Cotes de Gascogne Blanc \$9.99/\$7.49/\$6.74
6. 2011 Flora Springs Chardonnay Napa Valley \$26.99/\$13.99/\$12.59

RED WINES

1. Estrella Reserve Red Lot #3 California NV \$7.99/\$4.99/\$4.49
2. 2012 Tamarack Cellars Firehouse Red Columbia Valley
\$22.99/\$14.99/\$13.49
3. 2012 Excelsior Cabernet Sauvignon South Africa \$16.99/\$7.99/\$7.19
4. 2012 Ryan Patrick Vineyards Rock Island Red Wahluke Slope
\$21.99/\$14.99/\$13.49

5. 2012 Board Track Racer The Chief Columbia Valley
\$26.99/\$23.39/\$21.05

6. 2013 Chateau St. Cosme Cotes du Rhone France
\$16.99/\$13.99/\$12.59

ALL WINE > \$15

1. 2012 Board Track Racer The Chief Columbia Valley
\$26.99/\$23.39/\$21.05

2. 2012 L'ecole No. 41 Red Wine Columbia Valley
\$23.99/\$18.69/\$16.82

3. 2013 L'Ecole No. 41 Columbia Valley Chardonnay
\$24.99/\$20.59/\$18.53

4. Henriot Brut Champagne Souverain NV France
\$64.99/\$32.99/\$29.69

5. 2012 Quilceda Creek CVR Columbia Valley Red
\$55.99/\$47.99/\$43.19

6. 2010 Foundry Vineyards Red Columbia Valley \$20.99/\$17.79/\$16.01

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