

MARCH WINE NEWSLETTER

Inside this month's edition are Staff Picks, Best Sellers and more!

March is madness at Leschi Market. Not only is it Washington Wine Month, but we also see imports like these arriving all month long!

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Leschi Market's Wine Department



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Staff Picks

KEN PICKS

2013 Château la Nerthe Châteauneuf-du-Pape \$67.99/\$57.99/\$52.19

2013 Château Fortia Tradition Châteauneuf-du-Pape \$42.99/\$36.99/\$33.29

2013 Colutto Refosco Friuli Rosso Italy \$24.99/\$20.39/\$18.35

2014 Domaine Paul Cherrier Sancerre \$21.99/\$18.69/\$16.82

2015 Villa Sparina Gavi di Gavi Italy \$17.99/\$14.99/\$13.49

2016 Château Bizard Blanc d'Amour France \$15.99/\$12.10/\$10.97

CHAD PICKS

2014 Cadence 'Coda' Red Blend Red Mountain \$28.99/\$25.99/\$23.39

2009 Vignalta "Agno Tinto" Rosso del Veneto \$27.99/\$23.99/\$21.59

2012 Muga Reserva Rioja \$32.99/\$23.39/\$21.05

2014 Le Grand Sorbier Rouge Bourgogne \$21.99/\$18.69/\$16.82

2014 Southard White Columbia Valley \$19.99/\$15.89/\$14.30

2015 Château Bizard Blanc d'Amour France \$15.99/\$12.10/\$10.97

LISA PICKS

2013 Colutta Refosco Colli Orientale Friuli \$24.99/\$20.39/\$18.35

2012 Château de Laurets Puisseguin Saint-Emilion \$31.99/\$19.99/\$17.99

2014 Kentia Albariño Rias Baixas \$16.99/\$13.99/\$12.59

2014 Domaine de Mas Blanc Rouge Collioure \$16.99/\$13.09/\$11.78

Domaine du Vieux Pressoir Saumur Loire Valley Brut NV \$22.99/\$11.19/\$10.79

2015 Château de Cabriac Blanc Corbieres \$12.99/\$9.99/\$8.99



Red Wines

2014 Long Shadows Pedestal Merlot Columbia Valley \$75.99/\$60.69/\$54.62

“Pedestal, the creation of legendary winemaker Michel Rolland, is a sterling example of the varietal that put Washington on the map, Merlot. Consistently the highest scoring of all Long Shadows wines, Pedestal has the gravitas to transform even the most dyed-in-wool Cabernet drinker over to the Right Bank.”

–Vehrs Distributing. **New vintage.**

2012 Schiavenza Barolo Prapò Italy \$69.99/\$55.99/\$50.39

“A fruity style, this exhibits cherry, raspberry, licorice and floral flavors, shaded by tobacco and tea details. This is firm, yet fluid and balanced, with dusty tannins framing the long finish. Best from 2018 through 2035. 347 cases made.”

–*Wine Spectator*, 93 points. **New vintage.**

2014 Brick House Pinot Noir les Dijonnais Ribbon Ridge Oregon \$59.99/\$51.39/\$46.25

It has a very refined and delineated bouquet with brambly red berry fruit, cranberry and wild strawberry mixed with subtle sous-bois notes. It might sound clichéd, but it is very Burgundian in style. The palate is medium-bodied with refined, crisp redcurrant and cranberry fruit, neatly integrated new oak. Very satisfying substance on the finish. This is exquisite. Drink 2018-2032.”

–*Wine Advocate*, 93 points. **New vintage.**

2012 Corsini Barolo Bussia Langhe Italy \$47.99/\$37.39/\$33.65

“There should be an exhilarating rush of freshness on the nose, followed immediately by warming broader elements which can include candied cherries, bitter cherries, plums, strawberries and raspberries. There are also darker tones of chocolate, hazelnuts and liquorice, with herbs, cinnamon and vanilla as well.”

–Winemaker notes. **New vintage.**

2013 Château Fortia Tradition Châteauneuf-du-Pape \$42.99/\$36.99/\$33.29

“This Châteauneuf-du-Pape is the total expression of the power of symphony. With each mouthful, you sense the release of the most beautiful sonorities. This wine draws its power and mellowness, its color and its solidity from the three principal grape varieties - Grenache, Syrah and Mourvèdre.”

–*Vinous / Antonio Galloni*, 90 points. **New vintage.**

2015 Mollydooker Two Left Feet Red Blend Australia \$36.99/\$27.99/\$25.19

“This wine is a spectacular example of how Shiraz, Merlot and Cabernet can be blended together to create flavors that complement each other so well. Lavish aromas of chocolate, cherry and vanilla cream, lead to a palate of deep plum, spice and liquorice. With soft, integrated tannins and lingering flavors, this is an opulent wine and seriously delicious.” –Winemaker notes. **New vintage.**

2013 Fogdog Pinot Noir Sonoma Coast \$38.99/\$26.99/\$24.29

“Showcases bright red cherry and plum aromatics with notes of golden raspberry and fresh cut herbs. Nicely textured with balanced acidity, this wine is filled with red berries, cranberry and currant followed by white pepper spice on the lengthy finish. During the Fogdog blending process, wines are chosen that reflect ripe fruit characteristics in addition to texture and acidity that are approachable at release.”

–Winemaker notes. **New vintage. A favorite!**

2015 Mollydooker The Maitre D' Cabernet Sauvignon Australia \$36.99/\$26.19/\$23.57

“Blackberry, cherry, and coffee on the nose with all the beauty of a classic Cabernet. The palate is full and generous, with intensified flavors becoming evident as it lingers in the glass. A soft and supple mouthfeel gives way to polished tannins and delivers a silky smooth Cabernet Sauvignon that is rich and profound.”

–Winemaker notes. **New vintage.**

2012 Château des Laurets Puisseguin Saint-Emilion \$31.99/\$19.99/\$17.19

Château des Laurets is owned by the famed Baron de Rothschild. This Right Bank gem comes from a ‘satellite’ appellation—the outskirts of Saint-Emilion—that relies heavily on Merlot for the blend. The river Gironde has moderating effects on the climate; the unique soil conditions on Bordeaux’ Rive Droite give wines from Puisseguin St. Emilion their distinctive taste, body and complexity. **New item.**

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2013 Campale Il Colombaio Di Santa Chianti Colli Senesi \$19.99/\$16.79/\$15.11

90% Sangiovese and 10% Merlot. Rich, fruity (raspberry, cherry), slightly vanilla, spicy, a complex bouquet. Crisp, good structure, harmonious, with notes of blackberries and raspberries. Persistent and pleasant. **New item.**

2015 Bodega Tomero Malbec Uco Valley Mendoza Argentina \$21.99/\$13.09/\$11.78

“An intense claret red, our Malbec displays tenacious aromas of Turkish fig, white chocolate, and notes of prune imparted by time spent in French oak. A fresh entry and a bright, juicy mouthfeel are complemented by sweet and robust tannins. The finish is full and spicy, calling for another sip.” –Winemaker notes. **New vintage.**



2013 Domaine Aimé Rouge Minervois France
\$14.99/\$11.19/\$10.07

“Ample, fresh, and aromatic nose, with touches of matured red fruits, garrigue (thyme) and spice. Round, velvety and smooth mouth with fine melted tannins. Clayey-chalky soil. Steep, stony slopes facing south at 200 meters above sea level. A pronounced Mediterranean climate, with an important water deficit during summer. 45% Syrah, 40% Carignan and 15% Grenache Noir.”

–Winemaker notes. **New item.**

2015 La Quercia Rosso Montepulciano D’Abruzzo Italy
\$18.99/\$10.29/\$9.26

“This Montepulciano is a great example of what can happen when you match low-yield winemaking expertise with a prolific growing zone, and constantly cut, cut, cut back the vines. Made by winemaker Antonio Lamona, the result is one of the best qualities, most expressive and balanced Montepulcianos around. This wine is also 100% organic, and delivers as a wine that takes no shortcuts.”

–Small Vineyards. **New vintage.**

2015 Altos Las Hormigas Malbec Clásico Mendoza Argentina
\$16.99/\$9.39/\$8.45

“2015 represents a big change for this bottling, which has a higher percentage of grapes from the Valle de Uco. The destemmed grapes fermented with indigenous yeasts in stainless steel and the wine was kept in concrete vats for one year before bottling. The fruit is ripe, fruit-driven, with a juicy palate, with fine tannins and subdued minerality. The wine is subtle and balanced, easy to drink.”

–*Wine Advocate*, 89 points. **New vintage.**

2014 Corvidae by Owen Roe Merlot ‘Rook’ Yakima Valley
\$15.99/\$9.39/\$8.45

The wine was aged in mostly neutral French oak to keep the bright fruit flavors lively. Showing red and black fruits, sarsaparilla, orange peel, cinnamon and tobacco, this crisply textured red is balanced by fine grained tannin and a rich, pillow soft mid-palate. **New vintage.**

White Wines

2015 Cor Cellars Alba Celilo Vineyard Pinot Gris-Gewürztraminer Columbia Gorge \$22.99/\$18.69/\$16.82

“Co-fermented in a concrete tank, this blend of 56% Gewurztraminer and 44% Pinot Gris showcases the brilliant characteristics of Celilo Vineyard and the refreshing results of merging two traditionally Alsatian varieties into one Columbia Gorge wine. Peach melon and honeysuckle are accentuated by spicy notes of pear and lychee.” –Winemaker notes.

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New item.

2016 Pedroncelli East Side Vineyard Sauvignon Blanc Dry Creek Valley Sonoma County \$16.99/\$12.99/\$10.97

“Aromatic with citrusy and grassy aromas, very varietally correct. The fresh flavors are layered with Meyer lemon, peach, and apple highlighted by a minerality and crisp taste. This Sauvignon Blanc is quite refreshing and tangy with bright acidity. Please enjoy upon release or within a year or two as no aging is required.”

–Winemaker notes. **New vintage.**

2015 Giocato Pinot Grigio Slovenia \$16.99/\$10.29/\$9.26

“Made by cult-winemaker Aleks Simcic, this Pinot Grigio would cost 40% more if made just two miles to the west. This is often considered “Italia’s” best white wine cru. Simcic is himself considered by Stephen Tanzer to be perhaps the best winemaker in Eastern Europe. This is a ripe, yet very clean Pinot Grigio with aromas of citrus and white flowers, and loads of mineral character on the palate.” -Small Vineyards. **New vintage.**

From Our Cellar-Limited-Inquire

2010 Reynvaan Family Vineyards The Unnamed \$51.99
Wine Advocate, 96 points

2011 Betz La Serenne Syrah \$57.39 *Wine Advocate*, 92 points

2011 Betz Syrah Besoleil Grenache \$45.39
Wine Advocate, 91 points



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

Best Sellers At Leschi Market

WHITE WINE

1. 2013 House of Independent Producers Chardonnay Columbia Valley \$16.99/\$10.69/\$9.62
2. 2015 Oisly et Thesee Touraine Sauvignon Blanc Les Gourmets \$11.99/\$8.39/\$7.55
3. 2015 Wente Vineyards Riva Ranch Chardonnay Monterey \$24.99/\$14.99/\$13.49
4. 2015 Thurston Wolfe PGV Yakima \$19.99/\$12.99/\$11.69
5. 2015 Mont Gravet Cotes de Gascogne Blanc \$9.99/\$7.49/\$6.74
6. 2015 Famega Vinho Verde Portugal \$12.99/\$7.49/\$6.74

RED WINE

1. Estrella Reserve Red Lot #3 California NV \$7.99/\$4.99/\$4.49
2. 2014 Ryan Patrick Rock Island Red Columbia Valley \$21.99/\$14.99/\$13.49
3. 2012 Dry Creek Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon Sonoma \$38.99/\$19.99/\$17.99
4. 2015 Christopher Michael Pinot Noir Oregon \$14.99/\$10.29/\$9.26
5. 2014 Otus Tempranillo Quinta de Aves Spain \$17.99/\$10.59/\$9.53
6. 2015 St. Cosme Cotes du Rhone \$16.99/\$13.99/\$12.59

WINE \$19.99 & GREATER

1. 2012 Dry Creek Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon Sonoma \$38.99/\$19.99/\$17.99
2. 2014 Mark Ryan The Chief Red Columbia Valley \$27.99/\$23.99/\$21.59
3. Henriot Brut Champagne NV \$64.99/\$34.99/\$31.49
4. Moutard Grand Cuvée Brut NV Champagne \$37.99/\$26.29/\$23.66
5. 2014 Daniel Cohn Cabernet Sauvignon Sonoma \$31.99/\$23.39/\$21.05
6. 2015 Domaine Billard 'La Justice' Bourgogne \$24.99/\$20.49/\$18.44

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