



NEW ARRIVALS WITH BIG SCORES

December is a big month with many holiday celebrations. Let us kick it off right with a couple of wines with big scores!

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Stephen Tanzer, 95+ points. **Limited.**

2014 Elizabeth Chambers Lazy River Vineyard Pinot Noir Yamhill-Carlton Willamette Valley (\$43.69)

"Bright and clear, this young wine is powered by racy cranberry and raspberry fruit. It's a wine that will appeal to those who love primary, juicy, tangy red fruit, but will carry a long way in the cellar for those who value the extra dimensions that well-aged Pinot can convey. Drink now through 2030. Cellar Selection."

—*Paul Gregutt*, 94 points.

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Red Wines

2011 Corliss Cabernet Sauvignon Columbia Valley \$92.99/\$79.99/\$71.99

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2014 Elizabeth Chambers Lazy River Vineyard Pinot Noir Yamhill-Carlton Willamette Valley \$49.99/\$43.69/\$39.32

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2013 Dunham Cabernet Sauvignon XIX Columbia Valley \$53.99/\$41.99/\$37.79

"Aromas of wild blackberry and sweet tobacco lead to a lush palate of dark cherry, anise and pomegranate. Refined tannins dance in creative tension with balanced acidity, showcasing a wine ready to enjoy now or cellar for 10-15 years. Best of show at the 2016 fourth annual Great Northwest Invitational." —Winemaker notes. **New vintage.**

2013 L'Ecole No. 41 Cabernet Sauvignon Walla Walla Valley \$48.99/\$37.37/\$33.65

"Broad and open-textured, brimming with cherry, blackberry, floral and licorice flavors. The finish gains lift and momentum against buffed, fine-grained tannins. Has presence and an earthy tinge. Best from 2018 through 2023." —*Wine Spectator*, 92 points. **New vintage.**

2014 Walla Walla Vintners Cabernet Franc Columbia Valley \$40.99/\$30.79/\$27.71

"A warm, ripe year, the Cabernet Franc from the 2014 vintage shows blackberry, blueberry and violet aromas backed with pencil shavings and freshly mown grass. Silky tannins balance vibrant acidity on the palate, finishing like dessert in a glass, blackberry cheesecake, and crème brûlée. Gold Medal—Walla Walla Valley Wine Competition June 2016."

—Winemaker notes. **New vintage.**

2013 Vignerons Propriétés Associés (VPA) Crozes-Hermitage Northern Rhône \$21.99/\$18.69/\$16.82

"VPA is a cooperative of winemakers with a love of their land, and the willingness to create and sustain quality wines. They farm organically and are certified. The terrior is granite, fluvial-glacial alluvium and Tain-l'Hermitage. Aromas of blackberries and green olives. On the palate dark intense black cherries with subtle smoked fat notes. 100% Syrah."

—Importer notes. **New item. A wonderful wine!**

2015 Gulfi Rossojbleo Nero d'Avola Sicilia \$19.99/\$16.79/\$15.11

One of the most encouraging developments in Sicilian wine is how much fresher and delicious Nero d'Avola is getting. Here's a great example from the southeastern mountains where cool nights lock in acidity to balance Nero's bold black fruit. Makes you long for a nice bite of lamb! The domain is fully biodynamic. **New item.**

2014 Château Lalande de Gravelongue Médoc \$19.99/\$15.89/\$14.30

"Aromas of ripe red fruits, plum and black cherry. Rich texture and well-integrated tannins. Deep and fresh flavors of ripe plum, fruit cake and black cherries are highlighted by notes of cedar and spice. 30-year-old vines. Gravel clay soil. A blend of 75% Merlot and 25% Cabernet Franc."

—Importer notes. **New item.**

2012 Marqués de Cáceres Crianza Rioja Spain \$19.99/\$13.79/\$12.59

"Ripe flavors of black cherry and plum are framed by sweet vanilla and spicy notes in this generous red. Orange peel acidity keeps this lively, with light, firm tannins imparting structure. Drink now through 2022. Smart Buy." —*Wine Spectator*, 89 points



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2013 Domaine Allégret Laudun Rouge Côtes du Rhône Villages \$15.99/\$12.19/\$10.97

"The terrior is pebbly soil and red earth. Stainless steel. Aromas of bright cherries and violets. On the palate summer cherries with lingering hillside herbs, rose petals and white pepper undertones. Soft tannins. Highly structured, it has an excellent balance of alcohol and tannins. A blend of 52% Syrah and 48% Grenache."

—Importer notes. **New item. Excellent.**

2013 House of Independent Producers Merlot Bacchus Vineyard Columbia Valley \$16.99/\$10.69/\$9.62

"Site specific, this Merlot derives from the Bacchus vineyard, known for wines of approachability and acidity, and the serious appeal of its condition is wonderfully expressed. Independent Producers is a project directed by Christophe Hedges, bringing to the table some of the more compelling Columbia Valley vineyard sites."

—Winery notes. **New vintage.**

White Wines

2014 Cadaretta Sauvignon Blanc/Semillon Columbia Valley \$28.99/\$15.99/\$14.39

"Aromatics are clean, focused and pure, leading with Key lime citrus and perfume of lilies, complemented by pineapple and pear. There's an ever-so-slight aspect of grassiness from the Sauvignon Blanc. Crisp and clean entry on the palate, flavors of Key lime, lemon zest, Granny Smith apple and minerality. The flavors are pure and focused. 80% Sauvignon Blanc and 20% Semillon. No oak contact." —Winemaker notes. **New vintage.**

2014 Château de Montfaucon White Comtesse Madeleine Côtes du Rhône \$19.99/\$15.89/\$14.30

"A delicious, unctuous mix of apricot, anise, peach and melon flavors is backed by light almond and brioche notes in this white, with a juicy edge keeping the wine energetic. Drink now."

—*Wine Spectator*, 90 points. **New item.**

2015 Wente Chardonnay Morning Fog Livermore Valley San Francisco Bay \$24.99/\$14.99/\$13.49

"Morning Fog Chardonnay is a great expression of Livermore Valley Chardonnay, with diverse alluvial fans of soil consistently creating Chardonnay with beautiful and lingering minerality, which coupled with the natural acidity from the long and cool growing season, creates a beautifully balanced wine." - Karl D. Wente, Fifth Generation Winemaker. **New vintage. Very popular.**

2015 L'École No. 41 Semillon Columbia Valley \$19.99/\$13.99/\$12.59

"Rich with vibrant fruit and balanced acidity, this wine shows pretty orange blossom, apple and melon aromas, with layers of lemon custard, fresh apricot and honeysuckle flavors expanding on a balanced finish."

—Winemaker notes. **New vintage.**

2015 Thurston Wolfe PGV (Pinot Gris-Viognier) White Columbia Valley \$19.99/\$12.99/\$11.69

"Our 2015 PGV is a unique blend of 65% Pinot Gris and 35% Viognier, creating a rare wine with intense fruit aromas and a rich, crisp finish."

—Winemaker notes. **New vintage.**

2013 House of Independent Producers Chardonnay Dionysus Vineyard Columbia Valley \$16.99/\$10.69/\$9.62

"The wine sees no oak, and is a true definition of terrior winemaking, highlighting the beautiful vineyards of Sagemoor Farms, specifically the Dionysus Vineyard. Producers is a project directed by Christophe Hedges, bringing to the table some of the more compelling Columbia Valley vineyard sites." —Winery notes. **New vintage.**

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

"Giocato Pinot Grigio is a perennial top choice in our portfolio. Made by cult winemaker Aleks Simcic, this Pinot Grigio would cost 40% more if made just two miles to the west. 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

Champagne

Tarlant Brut Nature Rosé Champagne Zero NV \$70.99/\$56.99/\$51.29

"This well-knit rosé is crisp and crunchy in texture, with an expressive thread of ground spice unwinding through the flavors of white raspberry, fleur de sel, biscuit and apricot. Clean-cut finish, with hints of candied ginger and lemon zest. Disgorged June 2013. Drink now through 2018."

—*Wine Spectator*, 91 points

Jacques Copinet Champagne Extra Quality Brut NV \$58.99/\$39.39/\$35.99

60% Pinot Noir, 15% Pinot Meunier and 25% Chardonnay. "An elegant aperitif, with bright acidity and a finely detailed texture paired with pleasing notes of pastry, green pear, citrus and anise. Drink now through 2019." —*Wine Spectator*, 90 points

Julien Chopin Champagne Carte Noir Brut Nature NV \$49.99/\$39.39/\$35.99

The vineyards have been in the Chopin family since the 18th century. On the nose there are scotch broom flowers, honey and notes of toasted almonds. In the mouth it is very delicate and nuanced. It finishes very clear with an impressive minerality. 100% Pinot Meunier.

From Our Cellar—Limited—Inquire

2002 Fidelitas Cabernet Sauvignon Champoux Vineyard \$55.99

2005 Sineann Pinot Noir Lachini Vineyard \$37.99

2004 Paolo Manzone Serralunga Barolo \$37.99



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

