

WEEKLY WINE UPDATE

Here are three more Washington wines worth a look!

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2013 Sous Sol Red Blend Yakima Valley (\$16.99)

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Leschi Market’s Wine Department

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Red Wines

2012 Allegrini Amarone Veneto \$79.99/\$61.99/\$55.79

“Allegrini has crafted a wine of enormous power and opulence. The 2012 Amarone della Valpolicella Classico is out-sized and decisively overdone. This wine will appeal to a hard-core group of Amarone enthusiasts who appreciate extra darkness, extract and intensity. You get all of that in this hot-vintage Amarone, and you also get a significant dose of oak spice (it ages in barrique for 18 months).”
–*Wine Advocate*, 93 points. **New vintage.**

2010 Mark Ryan Syrah Wild Eye Red Mountain \$61.99/\$49.99/\$44.99

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2014 Woodward Canyon Cabernet Sauvignon Artist Series Columbia Valley \$59.99/\$46.69/\$42.02

“Rocking notes of spice, incense, black raspberries and dried flowers all emerge from the 2014 Cabernet Sauvignon Artist Series (92% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Cabernet Franc and 2% Petit Verdot), and it’s a complex, nuanced, impeccably balanced beauty! With medium to full-bodied richness, no hard edges and notable purity, drink it anytime over the coming decade or more.” –*Wine Advocate*, 92 points. **New vintage.**

2014 Walla Walla Vintners Bello Rosso Walla Walla Valley \$42.99/\$35.49/\$31.94

“A 50/50 blend of Cabernet Sauvignon and Sangiovese brought out the best of both worlds. The tannin structure of the Cab balanced perfectly with the bright acidity of Sangiovese and the ‘Bello Rosso’ was born. A nose of dried strawberries and cranberries with accents of mint reveals cassis, cinnamon and dusty raspberry on the palate. Lush tannins and bracing acidity frame the lengthy finish.”
–Winemaker notes. *New vintage.*

2014 Avennia Gravura Red Columbia Valley \$35.99/\$32.69/\$29.42

“Another great year for this cuvee, the 2014 Gravura checks in as 51% Cabernet Sauvignon, 37% Merlot and the balance Cabernet Franc. It’s a plump, rounded, sexy red from Chris that has terrific notes of blackcurrants, leafy herbs and lead pencil. Medium to full-bodied, it shows the house style but in a more forward, early drinking, delicious style.” –*Wine Advocate*, 92 points. **New vintage.**

2015 Erse Etna Rosso Tenuta di Fessina Sicily \$31.99/\$23.39/\$21.05

“Now the world understands that Etna can produce fresh, energetic reds that are pure, elegant, subtle and vivacious.” –Eric Asimov, NY Times, 1/28/16. “A blend of wines are fermented in stainless steel in order to deliver all the hillsides of Mount Etna. The grapes are fermented and in stainless steel in order to deliver all the undiluted character and freshness of this unique terroir.” –Winery notes. **New vintage.**

2015 Colutta Refosco Rosso Colli Orientali del Friuli Italy \$24.99/\$20.39/\$18.35

“Refosco is a venerated regional wine, and Colutta vinifies from the finest of Refosco clones, Peduncolo Rosso. Colutta’s Refosco has an intense, herbaceous nose enhanced by wild blackberries. In the mouth, this medium-bodied wine has notes of bright plummy and pomegranate fruit, and a long, quenching finish. This unique wine evokes this undiscovered region of Italy.”
–Winemaker notes. **New vintage. Very popular.**

2015 Mark Ryan Winery ‘Board Track Racer’ The Vincent Red Columbia Valley \$21.99/\$18.69/\$16.82

“Features dense, pure aromas of black cherry, black raspberry, caramel-lined spice and vanilla. The palate is bold, with mouth-filling concentration of blueberry and blackberry flavors. The finish is remarkably long and balanced, focusing firm but round tannins and refined acidity. 65% Cabernet Sauvignon, 25% Merlot and 10% Malbec.” –Winemaker notes. **New vintage.**

2013 Sous Sol Red Blend Yakima Valley \$19.99/\$16.99/\$15.29

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2015 Pascal Aufranc Chénas 'Vignes de 1939' Cru du Beaujolais
\$17.99/\$13.99/\$12.59

"Found this in a small restaurant in Saint-Lager, a small town in the Brouilly appellation. The wine has old-vine character with plenty of dark fruit, bark and wet-earth flavors. Full body, plenty of delicious fruit and a flavorful finish. Spicy. Drink now." - *James Suckling*, 92 points. **New vintage. Wonderful wine!**

2015 Antonio Sanguineti Cannonau di Sardegna Italy
\$14.99/\$10.29/\$9.26

Packed with dry red cherry fruit, and a slight earthy backbone. It has enough fruit boldness and balanced acids without overwhelming the palate with heavy tannins. **New item.**

White Wines

2014 Chateau Montelena Chardonnay Napa Valley \$63.99/\$47.19/\$42.47

"Ripe peach, pear and cloves dominate the nose amidst a flurry of floral and honeysuckle notes. There's a wonderful fullness and weight on the palate punctuated by ripe melon, green apple and fresh citrus. The oak contribution remains subtle with a hint of vanilla and baking spice. The density of the wine is readily apparent as grilled pineapple, lychee and a rich creaminess linger." -Winemaker notes. **New vintage.**

2014 Château De Puligny-Montrachet Clos Du Château Bourgogne
\$43.99/\$37.39/\$33.65

This over-achieving Bourgogne Blanc is stellar year in and year out. It definitely shows the floral and mineral notes in the nose that make the village famous. Good length and buttery, citrus fruit make this a great wine at any price, but this "little" wine from an estate with an embarrassing array of riches can stand up to the best of them. **New vintage.**

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2015 Ladoucette Pouilly-Fume Sauvignon Blanc Loire Valley
\$45.99/\$32.69/\$29.42

"Vivid yellow with a greenish tinge. Inviting aromas of lime zest, pink grapefruit and pear. Firm and stony on the attack, with tangy citrus flavors vying with weightier orchard fruits on the middle palate. Nicely focused sauvignon blanc, with a stony persistence reminiscent of talc and white pepper." -*International Wine Cellar*, 90 points. **New vintage.**

2016 Inama Soave Classico White Wine Veneto
\$18.99/\$13.09/\$11.78

"Bright straw. Pear and apple on the fresh, deep nose. Then juicy with clean flavors of apple jelly, white stone fruit and minerals; has good weight and texture. Finishes clean, fresh and with a delightful crystalline quality. Very impressive." -*Vinous/Antonio Galloni*, 91 points. **New vintage.**

2016 Joel Gott Sauvignon Blanc California \$18.99/\$11.59/\$10.49

"Silky and elegant, with crisp Key lime, Meyer lemon and fresh herbal shadings on a light, refreshing body. Shows plenty of persistence on the finish. Drink now. Best value." -*Wine Spectator*, 89 points

2016 Thurston Wolfe PGV White Columbia Valley
\$19.99/\$13.99/\$12.59

"52% Pinot Gris and 48% Viognier. Viognier is known for its peach and tropical aromas and high viscosity when fully ripe. It perfectly complements Pinot Gris' delicate perfume, moderate body, minerality and higher acidity. Aromas of white peach, jasmine and orange, it is full-bodied and finished with crisp acidity on the palate." - Wade Wolfe, Winemaker. **New vintage.**

2016 Hayes Valley Chardonnay Monterey Central Coast California
\$14.99/\$11.99/\$10.79

"Aromas of pineapple, apples and fresh baked bread. A hint of vanilla. A very light overall aroma of cedar. Minimal tannins, medium-high acidity and very dry. Pineapple, green apple, lemon/lime on the palate. A hint of toasty oak and a slightly creamy mouthfeel." -Winemaker notes. **New vintage.**

Rosé Wines

2016 Elk Cove Pinot Noir Rosé Willamette Valley
\$16.99/\$13.99/\$12.59

"Vibrant sunset color in the glass, this wine has a nose of sweet cherry, early season strawberries and honeydew melon. A juicy palate follows with notes of tart cherry accented by rose petals and a grippy and zippy finish of lime-peel and Bosc pear." -Winemaker notes. **New vintage.**

2016 Gorgo Chiaretto Rosé Bardolino Veneto Italy
\$14.99/\$11.19/\$10.07

60% Corvina, 30% Rondinella and 10% Molinara. The nose has delicious aromas of summer fruits which follow onto the palate with notes of red cherries, strawberries and raspberries combined with a fresh, floral note and a crisp acidity. **New item.**

From Our Cellar-Limited-Inquire

2012 Château de St. Cosme Gigondas Le Claux \$83.99
Wine Spectator, 95 points

2004 Paolo Manzone Serralunga Barolo \$37.99
Wine Spectator, 89 points

2004 Paolo Manzone Meriame Barolo \$44.99.99
Wine Spectator, 88 points



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