

Vino Amore Tasting, September 12 & 13, 2015

Sean Minor Sauvignon Blanc 2014 \$11.99

From: Sonoma County, California

Tasting Notes: Rich and complex with aromas of ruby grapefruit, citrus and tropical fruit. On the palate, the combined flavors of fresh melon, fig and lime are balanced perfectly to form a crisp, mouthwatering texture and a lingering finish.

Serve With: Seafood, spicy foods, fresh herbs, goat cheese.

Chateau Haut Rian Blanc 2013 \$13.99

From: Bordeaux, France

Tasting Notes: This delightful dry white wine is meant to be drunk young, cool and fresh. It delivers striking scents of lime and lemon rind, whiffs of honeydew and even a hint of seashells. And no taste of oak to be found, just "pure play" dry white. If there's a better dry white wine for the (little) money, I haven't tasted it. I've tasted a good many dry whites at twice this price that aren't even half as good. This wine could easily become your "house white"- it's that good." -60% Semillon, 40% Sauvignon Blanc. Enjoy with seafood, poultry, shellfish, fresh goat cheese, fresh herbs.

Julia's Dazzle Pinot Grigio Rosé 2014 \$15.99

From: Horse Heaven Hills, Washington

Tasting Notes: Developed by Long Shadows Vintners owner, Allen Shoup, and winemaker Gilles Nicault, who has the unique skills to craft this limited production Rosé from his time spent making wine in Provence, the world leader in Rosé. A special block of Pinot Grigio from The Benches Vineyard at Wallula was left to hang until it developed a bright tint. The grapes were whole cluster pressed and the clarified juice fermented at cool temperatures to retain its intensely vibrant aromatics and flavors. Fresh and lively with bright aromas and flavors of ripe strawberries and melon complimented by a racy acidity that lingers across a clean, off-dry finish.

Serve With: Salmon pâté, ham, seafood, poultry, appetizers.

Fattoria San Lorenzo Il Casolare Rosso 2014 \$12.99

From: Marche, Italy

This blend of 50% Montepulciano and 50% Sangiovese is a declassified Rosso Piceno, which helps keep the price point low. The vineyards, located in the Marche region of Italy, are farmed biodynamically and organically and there is minimal intervention in Fattoria San Lorenzo's winemaking process. Il Casolare Rosso offers fruity notes that are juicy and not jammy. There are also notes of herbs and spice along with a pure finish. Balanced and food-friendly. Such a fantastic wine for the price! Enjoy with pizza, pasta, burgers, chicken wings.

Austin Hope Troublemaker Red NV \$17.99

From: California

Tasting Notes: Inspired by varieties that flourish in Paso Robles and California's Central Coast, Troublemaker is a truly distinct Paso blend consisting of Syrah, Grenache, Mourvedre, Petite Syrah and Zinfandel. By using a multi-vintage approach, winemaker Austin Hope allows the wine to show uncanny complexity in its youth, yet rich and fruit-forward characteristics that make it ready upon release. With rich aromatics that display hints of smoke and violets, bright fruit on the palate and a long finish, Troublemaker shows amazing depth and structure.

Serve With: Grilled steaks, burgers, stews, spicy sausages, hearty pizzas.