

# January Wine Bargains

## White Wines:

### **Sant 'Or Santameriana, Peloponnese, Greece**

**\$12**

From a very rare Greek grape called Santameriana. We fell in love with the intense flavors of pears, peaches, honey and white flowers, minerality. Its medium bodied with a creamy texture and an explosive mid-palate; reminds us of Viognier in a way.

### **Liotro Inzolia, Sicily, Italy**

**\$11**

Stylistically like Pinot Grigio, but with more body and a lovely floral character. Citrus fruit, a hint of almond and apricot kernels. Perfect for appetizers and salads.

### **Alamos Torrontes, Mendoza, Argentina**

**\$12**

This pretty Torrontes is fragrant with an attractive perfume of spring flowers, honey, and tropical fruits. On the palate it is dry, crisp, fresh, and well balanced.

### **Domaine de Menard Colombard/Sauvignon**

**\$11**

These two grapes play so nicely together. Lime zest, mint, gooseberry and fresh melon flavors dance on your palate like butter on a hot skillet. Fresh and vibrant with a hint of minerality. Pairs with oysters and shellfish.

### **99 Vines Chardonnay, California**

**\$11**

What's not to love? Soft, approachable, creamy textured, baked apple pie flavored Chardonnay with a hint of toasty oak on the finish. Perfect for chicken and pork.

## Red Wines:

### **99 Vines Pinot Noir, California**

**\$11**

Pure joy in a bottle. Smooth and supple with rich flavors of Bing cherry, raspberry and a hint of earth. Really good with duck.

### **Franco Serra Dolcetto, Piedmont, Italy**

**\$12**

A spectacular value with a knock-out bouquet of black cherries, cola, and flowers, this medium-bodied wine possesses plenty of fruit, good underlying acidity, and a concentrated, chewy mouthfeel.

### **Alta Corte, Lisboa, Portugal**

**\$12**

Wow. This is an amazing bottle of wine for the money. A blend of Tinta Roriz and Caladoc, the flavors range from fig, cherry and plum to floral notes and vanilla. Delicious with roasted meats.

### **Venta Morales Tempranillo, La Mancha, Spain Organically farmed!!**

**\$11**

Robert Parker's Wine Advocate said, "Spices, floral notes, and blackberries lead to a mouth-filling, forward, friendly wine that is well-balanced and lengthy. Drink this very good value over the next 3-4 years."

### **Cycles Gladiator Syrah, California**

**\$10**

This Syrah opens with notes of blueberry and tobacco. On the palate the fruit darkens and there are hints of espresso and dried herbs. The finish is elegant with soft tannins and good acidity.

### **Antonetti Malbec, Mendoza, Argentina**

**\$12**

This delicious 2005 has had some time in the cellar. A nose of cedar, tobacco, earth, black cherry and spice run an elegant thread through this lovely red. We love it with lamb and roast beef.

### **Los Haraldos Cabernet Sauvignon, Mendoza, Argentina**

**\$11**

Black currant and cassis fruit, and sweet smoke and spice notes coming in on the focused finish. Juicy, with blackberry and cassis fruit and mocha, dusty cocoa and licorice notes. There's a nice briary hint to the finish.