

July Wine Bargains

White Wines:

Famega Vinho Verde, Portugal

\$11

We usually like to write something original about the wine, but the back label description is so cute, we could hardly resist. "A crisp and refreshing young wine with a delicate citrus flavor that reminds us of the enchanting fragrances of a summer garden. Delightfully pleasant, bright and mellow." Awwww, that's so nice.

Ancora Pinot Grigio, Lombardy, Italy

\$11

Welcome summertime & perfect Pinot Grigio weather. This one is crisp, elegant, & fragrant with fresh notes of lemon zest and apple rind in a light-bodied, pure style.

Paarl Heights Chenin Blanc, Paarl, South Africa

\$12

The amazingly talented flying winemaker Paul Boutinot is at the helm of this winery. The wine has distinctive almond, mineral & stone aromas. On the palate, the wine is rich, has excellent grip and a lovely, fresh, hazelnut-flavored character. It is softly textured and thirst-quenching.

A-Mano Moscato, Puglia, Italy

\$10

Repeat after me; this wine is not sweet! One more time; this wine is not sweet! You will be seriously missing out if you pass on this wine. It is AWESOME for the money. Absolutely gorgeous aromas of jasmine, spices, green apple and apricot lead to a rich palate with notes of honey and orange zest that finish refreshingly clean. P.S. – It ain't sweet !!

Jim Jim "The Down-Underdog" Chardonnay, McLaren Vale, Australia

\$12

Made at the Hugh Hamilton Winery, this un-oaked Chardonnay is named for Hugh's Dog, Jim Jim. He guards the grapes in the estate vineyards from would-be predators. The grapes are harvested relatively early to retain the bright acidity. It is fermented in stainless steel in order to preserve the freshness of the fruit; apple, pineapple and orange blossom.

Graham Beck Chardonnay / Viognier, Western Cape, South Africa

\$12

A Great Combination! Flowers & white fruits in a delightfully pure blend of Chardonnay & Viognier. On the palate, there are notes of plums, melon, and apple with a refreshing, fun, flavorful personality.

Red Wines:

Bodega Quo Grenache, Campo de Borja, Spain

\$12

A delicious summer quaffer. Juicy and ripe with wonderful freshness and oodles of strawberry, raspberry, & pepper. You can even pop it in the fridge for ½ an hour and serve it slightly chilled.

Domaine Sallies Marselan, Languedoc, France

\$12

Marselan is a grape developed in the 1960's that is a cross of Grenache and Cabernet Sauvignon. This wine has the best attributes of both grapes; it is ripe, sweet and smoky, with lots of blackberry and black cherry fruit laced with sweet toast and spice notes.

Domaine la Bastide Syrah, Languedoc, France

\$11

Sporting a nose of spicy, smoky black raspberries and blackberries, this full-bodied wine has considerable depth and complexity. It is velvety-textured & packed with sweet, lush dark fruits. It's perfect with burgers and barbecue.

Le Lapin Petite Sirah, Paso Robles, California

\$9

Le Lapin (the rabbit) is a new line from the Rabbit Ridge Winery. They are designed to be their best values and this one over-delivers. Rock 'em sock 'em Petite Sirah with a ton of in your face blackberry fruit, a bit of tannin and a smooth, chocolatey finish. Yummy.

Terrazas de los Andes Malbec, Mendoza, Argentina

\$12

Robert Parker's Wine Advocate says, "...offers a fragrant nose of black cherry and violets. This leads to a forward, ripe, fruity wine with savory flavors, good concentration, and a pleasing personality. Drink this **very good value** over the next three years."

Dante Cabernet Sauvignon, California

\$10

From the super talented Napa Valley Winemaker Michael Pozzan, his everyday line of wines is named for his eldest son. They are incredible values. This Cabernet has sweet aromas of black currants, smoke, damp earth, licorice, and spice. It is medium-bodied and pure with silky tannins as well as a surprisingly long finish.