



The Wine and Cheese Cask

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Le Marché des Rosés

Stroll through our spring market for French rosé. We have a fine Provençal rosé, a couple of Loire rosés, and three goodies from the Languedoc.



Bourgueil

2021 Bourgueil Rosé (Lamé-Delisle-Boucard)
Sale Price \$12.99 – \$132.50 case of twelve

The 2021 Cabernet Franc rosé from Lamé-Delisle-Boucard is delightfully light and lively. This will pair well with spicy Thai and tofu.

Pays d'Oc

2021 Pays d'Oc Rosé (Le Petit Balthazar)
Sale Price \$8.99 – \$91.70 case of twelve

Light and fresh, the Cinsault rosé from Le Petit Balthazar is perfect for a picnic with tinned fish, olives, and arugula.



Nîmes

2021 Costières de Nîmes Rosé (Château Mourgues du Grès)
Sale Price \$12.99 – \$132.50 case of twelve

This has long been one of our favorite 'darker' rosés. Mourgues du Grès is polished, smooth, full-flavored, and dry. Have this with grilled swordfish and olives.



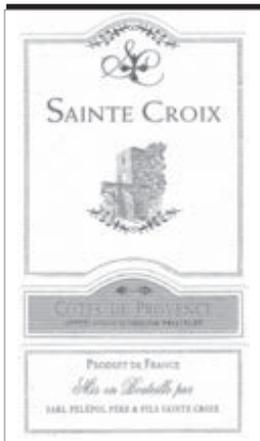
Touraine

2021 Touraine Rosé (Les Vendanges de F. Chidaine)
Sale Price \$15.99 – \$163.10 case of twelve



Vintage after vintage, François Chidaine creates a deep, rich Touraine rosé made from

Grolleau, Pinot, and Gamay. Its plummy fruit and full body make it ideal for salmon and asparagus.



Provence

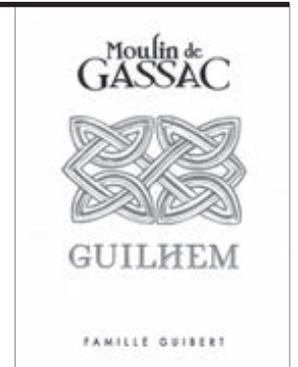
2021 Côtes de Provence Rosé (Sainte Croix)
Sale Price \$13.99 – \$142.70 case of twelve

Sainte Croix is one of the best values in very dry Provençal rosé. The 2021 blends Grenache, Syrah, and Cinsault to make a crisp, delicate wine with gentle peach and melon fruit. A fine match with a salad with warmed chèvre.

Pays d'Hérault

2021 Pays d'Hérault Rosé (Moulin de Gassac)
Sale Price \$11.99 – \$122.30 case of twelve

Moulin de Gassac's rosé is a sunny blend of Cinsault, Carignan, and Grenache. The peachy fruit and crisp dryness make it appealing with shrimp and garlic.



Start of Summer Cheese Sale!

Sancerre Scarcity

2021 Sancerre 'Caillottes' (Vignoble Dauny)

Sale Price \$24.99 – \$254.90 case of twelve



The last few years of French viticulture have been filled with tales of climate change-driven woe. 2021's growing season was marked by frost and mildew, leading to the smallest harvest nationwide in decades. In the Loire, Sancerre was hit with

record-breaking heat which was followed by prolonged frost, reducing yields by 50%. The grapes that producers were able to salvage, however, were of extremely high quality, resulting in Sauvignon Blancs with the low alcohol and vibrant acidity that were hallmarks of classic Sancerres of the past. Thus the sudden jump in prices of the 2021 vintage. At \$24.99, the Dauny 'Caillottes' is at the value end of the price spectrum. Its price is all the more impressive considering that it is organic as those practices are costly to implement. This wine selling out is not a matter of 'if' but 'how soon,' especially given how good it is, which is no surprise as the Dauny family has been cultivating grapes for thirteen generations. The smell of stones after a rainfall hits the nose immediately and courses throughout its refreshing palate to a finish that deliciously lingers. As the wine warms up, lemony citrus fruit emerges. Named after the soil it comes from, which is characterized by large limestone pebbles ('caillottes'), this wine is all about cool minerality. The usual seafood suspects will of course pair beautifully with this Sancerre, but it is also a delight with Italian Wedding Soup.

Del Duero

2020 Ribera del Duero 'Montecastrillo' (Finca Torremilanos)

Sale Price \$11.99 – \$122.30 case of twelve

While Spain's Ribera del Duero region has long been known as a source for powerful, high-quality (and often expensive) Tempranillo, it has now become a reliable go-to for value as well. Finca Torremilanos was founded in 1903, and acquired by the current proprietors, the Albéniz family, in the 70s. Now in the hands of the second and third generations, they achieved Demeter Biodynamic certification in 2015 (the first estate in the region to do so). This organic red is made with the estate's youngest vines, with the blend comprised of 89% Tempranillo, 9% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 2% Grenache. Ripe plum and blackberry fruit dominate the palate, with an easygoing but peppery finish. Bring this along to summer cookouts as it's a natural with grilled meats.

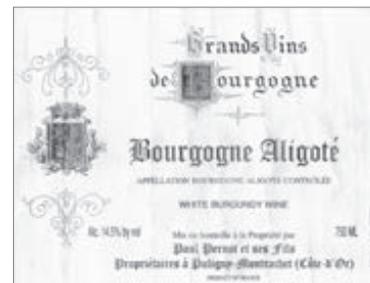


Aligoté

2020 Bourgogne Aligoté (Domaine Paul Pernot)

Sale Price \$29.99 – \$305.90 case of twelve

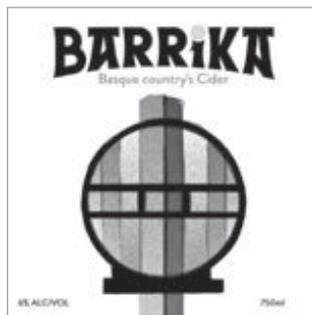
Aligoté may be having a moment. Despite long playing second-fiddle to Chardonnay in Burgundy (even being banned from being planted in certain areas, with Chardonnay and Pinot Noir given priority), many top producers love the grape and continue to make and bottle it. Domestically, Aligoté has become increasingly sought after in recent years as prices of Chardonnay-based Bourgogne Blanc continue to rise and as influential sommeliers recognize and tout its value and potential. Pernot's Aligoté is delicious in its own right. The 2020 is densely concentrated with lemon zest and green apple fruit, and carries a thrilling mineral tension through the long finish. Serve with baked haddock and potatoes.



Basque Country Cider

Barrika Cider (Iruin Astiazaran)

Sale Price \$9.99 – \$107.89 case of twelve



One terrific bargain this month is this delicious Basque country cider. Iruin Astiazaran is a labor-intensive artisan cider house in Northern Spain. They use six indigenous apple varieties and ferment and age the cider in 12 giant chestnut barrels. The small size of their operation allows them to reintroduce the juice to

the pulp during fermentation, adding tannin and complexity. This slightly fizzy, totally dry cider is a treat with seafood and shellfish. Give the bottle a shake to stir up the sediment and pour from on high to get it properly aerated. It's part of the fun.

Dogliani

2020 Dogliani (Podere Luigi Einaudi)

Sale Price \$19.99 – \$203.90 case of twelve

It's no secret that we love a good Dolcetto. This Piedmontese specialty, with its dark berry fruit and supple tannins, is one of the most versatile food pairing reds. The village of Dogliani is such holy ground for Dolcetto that it has its own Denominazione; and for \$19.99 you can get a bottle from Einaudi, one of the best producers. The 2020 is a polished, dry red with jammy blackberry fruit and dusty, dry tannins. This drinks like a dream with a mushroom risotto.

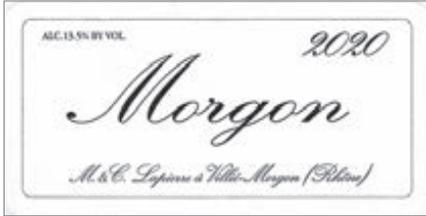


Master of Morgon

2020 Morgon (M&C Lapierre)

Sale Price \$39.99 – \$407.90 case of twelve

It has taken some getting used to a price this high for a Beaujolais, but we never tire of recommending the Lapierre



Morgon. Taking over from their dad, the legendary Marcel, son Mathieu and daughter Corinne continue to make fabulous Morgon.

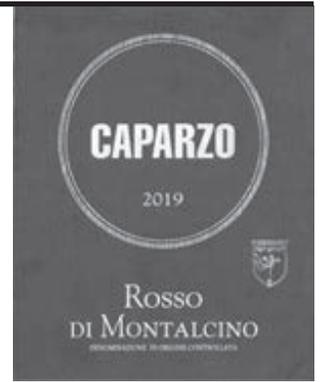
The current vintage even comes with a post-tariff price reduction. The 2020 is a beefy, gutsy, full-flavored Gamay that cries out for a roast chicken.

Affordable Montalcino

2019 Rosso di Montalcino (Caparzo)

Sale Price \$19.99 – \$203.90 case of twelve

A string of warm, dry vintages has propelled the wines of Brunello di Montalcino into the spotlight. These wines usually take years to mature, but producers of Brunello have their ready-to-drink Rossos to offer consumers a generous glimpse into the glories of Brunello. Caparzo's 2019 Rosso is a silky Sangiovese with plum and cherry fruit and a smooth finish. Try this with a roasted stuffed pork loin.



Specialty Foods

Start of Summer Cheese Sale!

10% off all cut cheese through June 14th

There is always lots to celebrate this time of year: graduations, the start of summer and outdoor cookouts, the return of Farmer's Markets.... In the spirit of these good things, we've decided to reward our newsletter readers with a month-long cheese sale!

Instead of promoting the usual three to four cheeses for the newsletter period, we're offering 10% off all cut cheese. Yup, every large-format cheese that is cut and priced by weight will get an extra 10% off. (Offer does not apply to small-format cheeses, which are sold whole and priced per piece).

Just mention the 'newsletter cheese sale' at the register or in your emailed order to apply the discount.

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Wines of the Month — May 18, 2022 through June 14, 2022

2020 Verdicchio di Matelica 'Vardi' (Fontezoppa)

Sale Price \$9.99 – \$107.89 case of twelve

The Matelica zone is in the hills above the Adriatic in the Marche. Fontezoppa's 2020 Verdicchio is a dense, dry white produced with seafood in mind.

2020 Pays d'Hérault Rouge (Moulin de Gassac)

Sale Price \$9.99 – \$107.89 case of twelve

The always reliable Moulin de Gassac delivers a Mediterranean red blend with fruity and herbal flavors that are perfect for burgers and mushrooms off the grill.

2020 Maremma Toscana 'Mandriolo' (Moris Farms)

Sale Price \$9.99 – \$107.89 case of twelve

Mandriolo is a full-flavored, dry Sangiovese from the Tuscan coast. Try this cherry-scented red with spicy pasta and sausages.

2021 Pays d'Oc Viognier/Sauvignon Blanc (Le Petit Balthazar)

Sale Price \$7.99 – \$86.29 case of twelve

This is an agreeable light white with lifted aromatics and a cool, dry finish. Have this with noodles and spicy greens.

