



The Wine and Cheese Cask

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The French Red-Revolution

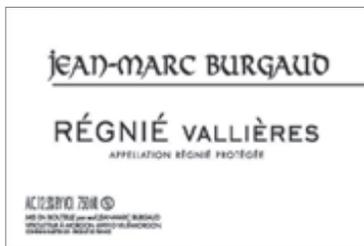
Not so long ago any debate about French red wine centered on Bordeaux vs. Burgundy. Today, the red wine map of France has many outposts of excellent, affordable wines from regions little known just twenty years ago. Plus, some other established regions like the Rhône and Loire have improved immensely.

Régnié

2020 Régnié ‘Vallières’ (Jean-Marc Burgaud)

Sale Price \$17.99 – \$183.50 case of twelve

While known for his superb Morgons, Jean-Marc Burgaud has long produced a limited-edition Régnié. Alas, his contract for the Gamay grapes from the Vallières vineyard has expired, and this 2020 will be the last vintage. It is going out with a big bang with its plummy fruit and spicy tannins.



Syrah

2021 Pays d’Oc Syrah ‘Eve’ (Maison Ventenac)

Sale Price \$12.99 – \$132.50 case of twelve

Maison Ventenac is located in the Cabardès district in the western Languedoc, where the mild Atlantic climate meets the heat of the Mediterranean. This allows both Bordeaux and Rhône varieties to ripen. Our current favorite is their spicy Syrah. The 2021 Eve is a lively red with aromas of thyme and rosemary, fine berry fruit, and a ripe tannic finish.



L’Ardèche

2020 Coteaux de l’Ardèche ‘Petite Selve’ (Château de la Selve)

Sale Price \$13.99 – \$142.70 case of twelve



The rugged and beautiful Ardèche region makes just a little wine, but that of Château de la Selve deserves attention. Their goal is to produce naturally light wines with minimal intervention. The Petite Selve is a raspberry-

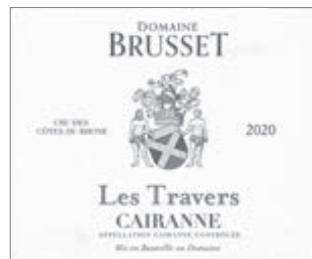
fruited charmer based on Cinsault and Grenache. A bit of Syrah adds some structure and refinement. Fabulous with eggplant, tomato, and peppers.

Home Town Discount

2020 Cairanne ‘Les Travers’ (Domaine Brusset)

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

Domaine Brusset is famous for their big, brawny Gigondas, but from their hometown of Cairanne they make this equally impressive Les Travers from a terraced, garrigue-surrounded vineyard. This mix of Grenache, Syrah, and Mourvèdre is an amalgamation of Provençal rocks, herbs, and sunshine.

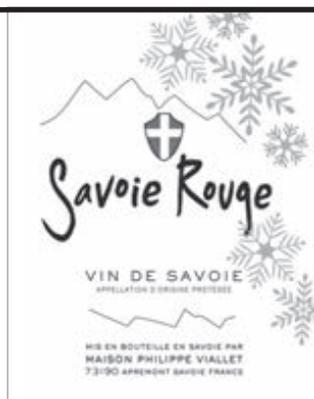


Savoie Rouge

2020 Savoie Rouge (Viallet)

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

Viallet can do no wrong in our book. Their wines are balanced, flavorful, and affordable. The 2020 Savoie Rouge, a mix of Gamay and Mondeuse, has gripping earth and fruit qualities that will match with a seared salmon and spicy greens.



Birdsong Bourgueil

2017 Bourgueil ‘Cuvée Beauvais’ (Domaine de la Chanteuserie)

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

We had no idea that we would see this special wine again, but the crazy musical note-spewing bird of Bourgueil is back. The 2017 Beauvais from Chanteuserie is a clove-scented, deep, flavorful Cabernet Franc with many years of aging ahead.



Last Rosés of Summer

We carry rosés year-round now, but here are some French classics to enjoy while summer lasts.

2021 Chinon Rosé (Couly-Dutheil)

Sale Price \$21.99 – \$224.30 case of twelve

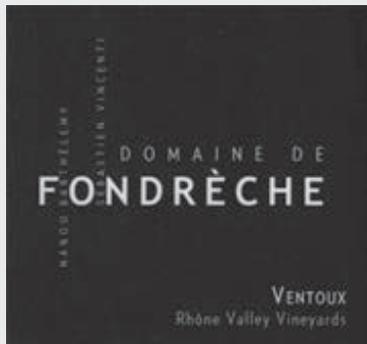


Couly-Dutheil's Chinon Rosé is a tart and juicy Cabernet Franc that pairs well with grilled chicken and a green bean salad.

2021 Ventoux Rosé (Fondrèche)

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

The 2021 Fondrèche delivers ripe, round, peachy fruit and a cool, dry finish. Fantastic with a full pot of summer market ratatouille.



2021 Costières de Nîmes Rosé 'Galets Rosés' (Mourgues du Grès)

Sale Price \$12.99 – \$132.50 case of twelve



Mourgues du Grès is one of our favorite 'darker' rosés. With its peppery spice and rich, plummy fruit, it drinks like a lighter red. Great

with spicy lamb sausages and couscous.

2021 Les Baux de Provence Rosé (Mas de Gourgonnier)

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

Mas de Gourgonnier is a pioneer in organic winemaking in southern France. Their rosé always gushes with Provençal flavors. The 2021 is deep and dry with scents and flavors of herbs and cherries. Have this with a classic tuna niçoise salad.

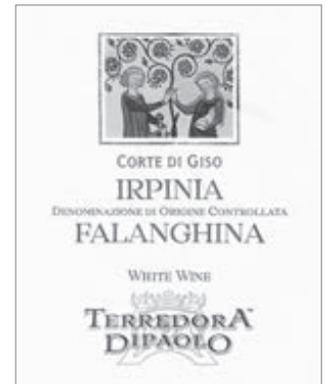


Falanghina

2021 Irpinia Falanghina 'Corte di Giso' (Terredora Di Paolo)

Sale Price \$17.99 – \$183.50 case of twelve

Falanghina, one of our favorite Italian whites, is ideal for the Mediterranean foods of summer. The 2021 single vineyard Corte di Giso from Terredora Di Paolo has an intense citrus blossom aroma, apricot fruit, and a ripe, round finish. This fragrant and dry Campanian beauty is an ideal match with grilled swordfish and sautéed Roma beans alongside a caprese salad with heirloom tomatoes and buffalo mozzarella.



Frappato

2021 Terre Siciliane Frappato 'Rina Russa' (Santa Tresa)

Sale Price \$14.99 – \$152.90 case of twelve



Santa Tresa's organic Frappato is grown in the red sand (rina russa) of Sicily's Vittoria district. This gorgeously colored light red has aromas of strawberry and cherry along with a lightly tannic finish. The Santa

Tresa website suggests serving this at room temperature with cured meats and cheeses, or chilling it slightly to pair with fish. Either way (or both), this is a terrific summer red.

Speziale

2021 Verduno Pelaverga 'Speziale' (Fratelli Alessandria)

Sale Price \$23.99 –

\$244.70 case of twelve

Growers in the Piedmontese village of Verduno have been the principal force in rescuing the Pelaverga Piccolo grape from obscurity. Fratelli Alessandria names their version Speziale to highlight its spicy and peppery aromas. There's also finely balanced cherry fruit to go along with the spice in this pale, light-bodied red. Alessandria's latest vintage will be a nice match with grilled salmon and a mango salsa.



Specialty Foods

Inflation Reduction Cheese

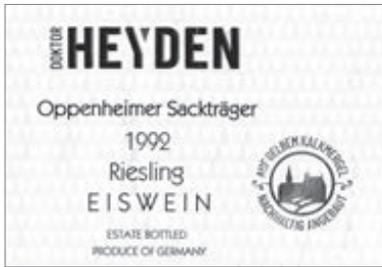
Specialty foods have not been immune to the price increases of the last few years. These days it is not uncommon for the best artisan cheeses to break \$30 per pound. While we wholeheartedly believe those cheeses are worth the price, there are still great values to be found at a lower price point for everyday enjoyment. Here are a few of our favorites that prove you can still get a delicious, high-quality cheese for \$20 a pound.

Dr. Heyden: Then and Now

1992 Oppenheimer Sackträger Riesling Eiswein (Dr. Heyden)

Sale Price \$64.99 per 375ml

Last March Frank Heyden was in the States for a tour and tasting with some other German producers. After his usual stellar lineup of Silvaner, Pinot Noir, and various Rieslings he poured us this Eiswein.



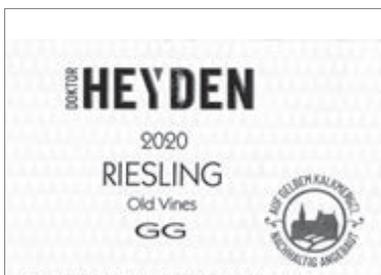
At first we didn't think that it was available for sale, but there actually were a few cases back at the winery. Its recent arrival prompted us to e-mail Frank

for details. The wine was made by his uncle. On a late November evening in 1992 the temperature in the Sackträger vineyard dropped to -9°C. A very young Frank, his father, uncle, and one other worker picked the frozen grapes berry by berry just before sunrise. The sugar at harvest was amazingly high and matched by ample acidity. This wine is in superb condition, having been stored at the winery this entire time and re-corked in 2021. At soon to be 30 years of age, the nose is dense with sweet orchard fruits and then it literally fills your mouth with flavor. A thrilling wine plus an amazing family history. Many thanks to the team that made this rare treat.

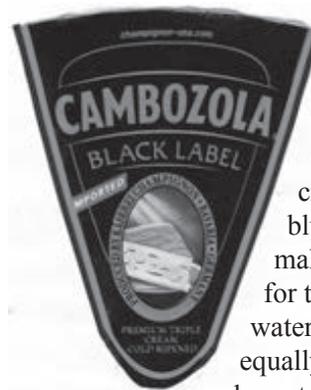
2020 Oppenheimer Sackträger Riesling Trocken 'GG' (Dr. Heyden)

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

Fast forward more than a quarter century and we have another terrific Dr. Heyden



Oppenheimer Sackträger Riesling. This one is also amazingly concentrated, but totally dry. The peach and apricot fruit are fused to an intense limestone minerality. This 2020 is an amazing value from one of the best vineyards in the Rheinhessen. It will make a great pairing with crab cakes and a summer corn salad.



Cambozola Black Label \$19.99 per lb

Käserei Champignon – Allgäu, Germany

Cambozola Black Label is a triple-cream cheese with a mild veining of blue mold. The sweet and buttery flavor makes this the perfect gateway cheese for those just testing out the “blue mold” waters. This rich and creamy cheese is equally appropriate as an appetizer or dessert.

Wookey Cave Aged Cheddar \$19.99 per lb

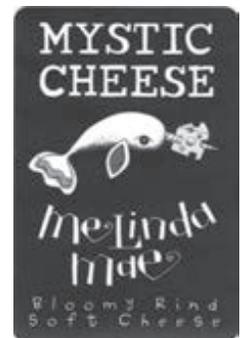
Ford Farm – Dorset, England

This classic English cheddar is aged in the natural cave system at Wookey Hole in Dorset. It has a bold, fruity, and earthy flavor that will pair well with an English ale or a full-bodied red wine. Wookey Cave Aged Cheddar is a great value cheese that has been a staple of the Wine Cask for years.

Melinda Mae \$19.99 per lb

Mystic Cheese Company – Groton, CT

Melinda Mae is a bloomy-rind cow's milk cheese with a mild creamy flavor and pudgy texture. Delicate in flavor and soft to the touch, this cheese is perfect for a casual snack on the porch. Pair it with fresh or preserved fruits and a chilled white wine.



Crema Alpina \$19.99 per lb

High Lawn Farm – Lee, MA



Crema Alpina is a 100% Jersey cow's milk washed-rind cheese.

Aged 2 months, this soft-ripened cheese develops a sweet, creamy interior which stands in contrast to its robust and pungent rind.

Nestled in the Berkshires, High Lawn has been a working family farm and dairy since 1923.

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Wines of the Month — August 18, 2022 through September 14, 2022

2020 Jumilla (Honoro Vera)

Sale Price \$8.99 – \$97.09 case of twelve

The Honoro Vera is a rich, dark Monastrell made from organic grapes. Great with beans and rice.

2019 Bordeaux Rouge (Château Le Mayne Turon)

Sale Price \$8.99 – \$97.09 case of twelve

Le Mayne Turon is a rich and smooth Bordeaux blend. This 2019 will be a fine everyday red with burgers and ripe cheeses.

2021 Île de Beauté Blanc (Terra Santa)

Sale Price \$8.99 – \$97.09 case of twelve

Terra Santa is a Vermentino and Chardonnay blend from the French island of Corsica. This full, dry white is perfect for any and all seafood.

2021 Vin de France Rosé (Le Poussin Rose)

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

We are again featuring our most popular French rosé. Le Poussin is a versatile, crisp, and thoroughly dry rosé.

