



The Wine and Cheese Cask

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Remarkable Italian Reds

Trevigne

**2020 Barbera d'Asti
'Trevigne' (Vietti)
Sale Price \$19.99 – \$203.90
case of twelve**

Vietti's Trevigne is as solid and reliable as Barbera gets. The 2020 is packed with bold fruit and a peppery finish. Great with sausages and spicy red sauced pastas.



Perbacco

**2020 Langhe Nebbiolo 'Perbacco' (Vietti)
Sale Price \$27.99 – \$285.50 case of twelve**



Also from Vietti is their 'near' Barolo, Perbacco. Culled from 15 different sites in Barolo and Barbaresco, this charming Nebbiolo is aged for 2 years in oak and offers gorgeous, delicate spice, delicious berry fruit, and a cool, tannic finish. Terrific with braised short ribs and roasted potatoes.

Lezèr

**2021 Vigneti delle Dolomiti 'Lezèr' (Foradori)
Sale Price \$27.99 – \$285.50 case of twelve**

As far as we know Foradori is the best producer of the Teroldego grape variety in the Dolomite region of Trentino. The original bottling of Lezèr came about after a devastating hailstorm in 2017 left them with a compromised harvest. They salvaged the vintage and released an honestly labelled, pale red called Lezèr (meaning light in the local dialect). It proved to be so popular that they have made a version from then on, with or without hail. The 2021 is a fresh, perfumed mountain red with lovely cool forest flavor. It's a great match for seared salmon with lentils and dill.



Castellare

**2020 Chianti Classico (Castellare)
Sale Price \$23.99 – \$244.70 case of twelve**

Consistently one of our favorite Chiantis, Castellare recently underwent an overdue price increase to \$24.99. But when we were given one last opportunity to buy some at the old price, we didn't hesitate to stock up. This organic Chianti exemplifies the freshness and fragrance of Sangiovese grown in the upper hills of the Classico subzone. Vibrant and precise flavors of red cherry are complemented by dried herbs and earth. The bright acidity and supple, silky tannins make this a fine choice for a hearty Tuscan bean stew.



Etna Rosso

**2020 Etna Rosso (Benanti)
Sale Price \$24.99 – \$254.90 case of twelve**

The main grape in Etna Rosso is Nerello Mascalese, which gives a bright fruitiness fused with the volcanic minerality of Mt. Etna. Benanti is also a champion of the Nerello Cappuccio grape, which lends a pleasing herbal and tannic quality in their entry-level rosso. Together these create a charming red that is light in color but deep in flavor. Earthy and dry, this is a terrific match with seared tuna and beans.

Montefalco

**2019 Montefalco Rosso (Fongoli)
Sale Price \$23.99 – \$244.70 case of twelve**

Umbrian reds are an underrated lot. The 2019 Montefalco Rosso blend from Fongoli is amazing. This biodynamic mix of Sangiovese, Sagrantino, Montepulciano, and Merlot comes from 40-year-old vines. It is fermented with natural yeasts, aged 18 months in old oak barrels, unfiltered, and totally delicious. Cherry fruit, mint, and mouth-filling, tactile tannins make this a great wine for a roast lamb.



A Village in the Mâcon

2021 Mâcon-Péronne (Maison Matisco)

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

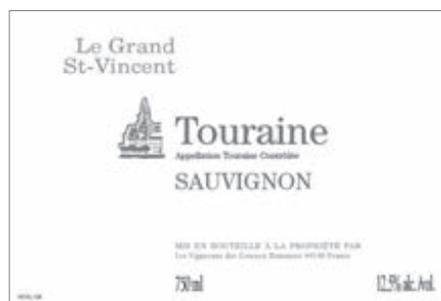
It's always good to try a new producer in the Mâcon, as this region produces some of our most affordable and thus popular Chardonnay. Maison Matisco's certified organic 2021 from the village of Péronne is a full-flavored, medium-bodied dry white with ample apple and pear fruit. Try this with a chicken and mushroom stew.



Grand St Vincent

2021 Touraine Sauvignon (Le Grand St. Vincent)

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



We haven't missed a vintage of this in over 10 years, so we were more than pleasantly surprised by how well the Vignerons des Coteaux Romains dealt with the difficult 2021 vintage. Le

Grand St. Vincent is, once again, a crisp, aromatic, minerally, and dry Loire Valley Sauvignon Blanc. An ideal match with goat cheese salads and seared fish.

Victoire en Tuffe

2020 Saumur-Champigny 'Tuffe' (Château du Hureau)

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

One of the highlights of our wine career was when, during a visit to the Loire estate, Philippe Vatan (the owner of Château du Hureau) pulled the cork from a un-labeled bottle of Chenin Blanc. The cork was stamped with the word

'Victoire' and the wine was from the 1945 vintage. What history! What a wine. Our regular offering from Hureau is their fine red Saumur-Champigny, labelled Tuffe after the chalky soil of the appellation. The 2020 is an exquisite Cabernet Franc. It has a superb nose of earth, leaves, and

berry fruit, while the elegant tannins provide structure and dryness. Try this lovely red with salmon, lentils, and spinach.



Schröck Value

2021 Rosé (Heidi Schröck & Söhne)

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

Though rosé has a reputation as a simple summer quaffer, we want to help rehabilitate its image. There are plenty of serious and well-made examples which are fit for year-round consumption and are incredibly versatile with food. So we jumped at the recent chance to buy more of Heidi Schröck's Tour de Rosé at a great price, figuring if we're going to promote a rosé in winter, it needs to be unique, delicious, and



a fantastic value. The 2021 is an unlikely blend of Lagrein, Teroldego, Petit Verdot, Syrah, Pinot Noir, Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Zweigelt, and Blaufränkisch (phew!) from Burgenland in eastern Austria. This delightful and zesty rosé has generous cranberry, peach, and blood orange fruit, plus a touch of creaminess and gentle salinity on the dry finish. It will be excellent with schnitzel and a winter citrus salad, and as an antidote to the dreary days of winter.

Alto Bianco

2021 Alto Adige Pinot Bianco (J. Hofstätter)

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



Pinot Bianco is treated far more seriously in the vineyards and wineries of Alto Adige than Pinot Grigio. The family-run Hofstätter winery produces a lovely Pinot Bianco. The 2021 has a gentle fruitiness, good weight on the palate, and a kernel of bitter almond

in the finish. It is also one of the most versatile of dry whites. Have this with any sautéed fish or roast chicken preparation. Because Hofstätter is located in the village of Tramin, we must mention their "spicy wine of Tramin." Their single-vineyard Kolbenhof is an amazing Gewürztraminer.

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All That JAS

2020 Côtes du Rhône ‘Cuvée Prestige’ (Domaine du JAS)

Sale Price \$15.99 – \$163.10 case of twelve

Winter is an especially good time for a hearty Côtes du Rhône and this new-to-us winery clearly fits the bill.

Domaine du Jas’ 2020 is a certified organic blend of Grenache and Syrah. The fruit of Grenache and the powerful aromas of Syrah create a deep, dense, and flavorful red. Have this with a spicy pork roast or a lamb curry.



Cuvée Barrique

2019 Bordeaux Supérieur (Château Pertignas)

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

The village of St. Vincent de Pertignas is located due south of St. Émilion, across the Dordogne River but on a similar limestone terroir. The 2019 Cuvée Barrique from Château Pertignas is only made in the finest vintages, uses their oldest vines and is matured in French oak. This results in a rich, tactile wine with bold, dark fruit and ripe tannins. Have this 2019 with a seared rib eye, braised endive, and Roquefort.



Specialty Foods

Return of the Raclette

We’ve seen increased interest in the last few years in raclette cheese, and we’ve been more than happy to oblige with an expanded selection. While we carry at least one plain variety year-round, during the winter months we offer as many different types as we can. Five varieties this winter is a new record!

This traditional alpine cheese has a high moisture content making it perfect for melting. The name raclette comes from the French *racler* (“to scrape”), as a half wheel is traditionally melted on a specialized grill and the melted portion scraped directly onto a plate piled with accompaniments.

Even if you don’t have a raclette grill, you can still make a meal of raclette at home. Melt slices of raclette in the oven (a cast-iron pan works great, but a baking sheet will do) over roasted potatoes, cruciferous vegetables, gherkins, charcuterie, and/or toasted bread. We recommend at least a half pound per person, but you may want to err on the side of a little extra; the cheese is the main course, after all.

Paccard’s Raclette de Savoie is a staple with its classic rich and creamy flavor profile. Jumi’s Grossvättu Swiss Raclette is a bit more funky and brothy and really packs a punch. We have a flavored pair from Seiler: the white wine version features a bright fruitiness thanks to the acidity of the wine, and the roasted onion delivers the complex richness and sweetness of caramelized onion. Finally, Jumi’s black

truffle raclette is generously packed with slices of earthy and aromatic black truffle, flavors which work wonderfully with the cheese.



Raclette de Savoie \$19.99 per lb
Paccard — France

Grossvättu Natur \$24.99 per lb
Jumi — Switzerland

White Wine \$24.99 per lb
Seiler — Switzerland

Roasted Onion \$24.99 per lb
Seiler — Switzerland

Black Truffle \$29.99 per lb
Jumi — Switzerland

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Wines of the Month — January 18, 2023 through February 14, 2023

2021 Rueda (Marqués de Cáceres)

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

Made from 100% Verdejo, this 2021 Rueda is fresh and lively with hints of apricots and a crisp, dry finish. A fine white for fish.

2020 Côtes du Roussillon (Altitudes)

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

This hearty Côtes du Roussillon is a Mediterranean blend of Grenache, Syrah, and Carignan. A good match with chili or cassoulet.

2020 Bordeaux Rouge (Château Grand Billard)

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

Grand Billard is a terrific value red Bordeaux with signature earthy dryness. Great with burgers or lamb chops.

2020 Rosso Piceno 'Tolenus' (Cantina Numa)

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

Rosso Piceno is a denominazione in Le Marche. Tolenus is a dry organic blend of Sangiovese and Montepulciano. Wonderful with stuffed pasta and red sauce.

