

July Wine Bargains

Red Wines:

Domaine Preignes Pinot Noir, 2013, Languedoc, France

\$14.00

Bright cherry, spice and red plum flavors fill this lively, medium-bodied Pinot. The broad, chewy finish features plenty of spice, mocha & cocoa. The finish has that lovely texture you can only get from Pinot Noir; like silk taffeta.

Charamba Tinto, 2013, Douro Valley, Portugal

\$15.00 1.5L

We always tout the amazing values you get from Portugal. But this one is just silly. A magnum of wine that fits into our bargain sheet price point. Charamba emanates from the steep terraced vineyards of the Douro Valley (home to the great Port houses) and is a sturdy table wine blended from four of the region's best varieties, Touriga Nacional, Touriga Francesa, Tinta Barroca and Tinta Roriz. It is rich with plum, cherry & mineral elements & complex with a firm grip of tannins, typical of the region.

Bodegas Fontana Mesta Tempranillo, 2013, La Mancha, Spain

\$11.00

From the land of Don Quixote, this attractive, elegant Tempranillo has sweet aromas of black cherries and currants are followed by a medium-bodied wine with soft, luscious fruit, and no hard edges. It's a pretty flexible red working with barbecue, pork chops and any roast.

Great American Wine Company Red Blend, 2013, California

~~**\$16.00**~~

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From our friends at Rosenblum, this Zinfandel blend has a splash of Petite Sirah and Cabernet. It exhibits a deep ruby color in addition to a beautifully sweet nose of black cherries, raspberries, pepper, earth, and spice. Rich and medium-bodied, with soft tannin and well-integrated acidity, this beauty will drink well for 2-3 years.

Chateau Philao La Gravelle Rouge, 2010, Bordeaux, France

\$11.00

This excellent yet inexpensive Bordeaux exhibits lots of soft strawberry and black cherry fruit, as well as an almost Cote du Rhone-like kirsch and lavender note. It is spicy, pure, easygoing, medium-bodied and best consumed over the next 2-3 years.

Charles & Charles Merlot, 2013, Columbia Valley, Washington

\$12.00

The aromatics have a rich blackberry and plum core with a wet earth and gravel back note. The mouth feel is focused, fresh and vibrant with echoes of black fruit and scorched earth on the finish. The wine is fruit forward and rich and yet surprisingly complex.

The Crusher Petite Sirah, 2012, Clarksburg, California

\$14.00

"This is everyone's red wine. Whether you are from the Old or New World, it does not matter, the generously flavored 2012 The Crusher Petite Sirah aims to please. Ripe and grapey in the nose and on the palate, the wine wraps around the palate with excellent staying power. I hear a bowl of savory beef stew calling me."

- 90 points, Wine.com

White & Rose Wines:

Alto Lima Vinho Verde, 2014, Portugal

\$10.00

This wine has summer written all over it! Bottled early with a touch of CO2 to give it a refreshing spritz. Delightfully fresh, crisp, and delicate with aromas of citrus zest, fresh herbs, and crisp apple. A great starter wine for appetizers and fresh seafood.

Summer Breeze “Crackling White”, Brazil

\$13.25

Makes me feel fine, blowing through the jasmine in my mind. This blend of Chenin Blanc, Sauvignon Blanc & Gewurztraminer is absolutely delightful. Beautiful floral fruit, nice richness in the mid palate and a touch of effervescence on the finish that keeps it clean. Fantastic with summer picnic foods.

Jean-Luc Colombo “Les Abeilles” Cotes du Rhone Blanc, 2013, Rhone Valley, France

\$13.00

Jean Luc Colombo is a mastermind when it comes to Rhone Valley vineyards. He makes some of the top wines in the Northern Rhone and the quality shows all the way through his portfolio. This blend of Clairette and Viognier has notes of nectarine and subtle honeysuckle in a medium-bodied, fresh, lively style that should offer delicious drinking for several years.

Piazzo Chardonnay, 2013, Piedmont, Italy

\$13.00

A bright, refreshing style of Chardonnay with hints of lemon curd, key lime and orange zest. On the palate there's some apple blossom, pear and a hint of bread dough. It's amazing with fresh fish and shellfish.

Chateau Vignol Rosé, 2014, Bordeaux, France

\$13.50

Made from Merlot, Cabernet Franc & Cabernet Sauvignon this rosé offers crisp cranberry and red currant and watermelon notes. This is a dry, lively, vibrant, light pink rosé to enjoy with everything from salads to seafood to grilled chicken and pork.