

2022 Board Recommended Wines

13 Hand Selected Wines

Retail Value: \$512.00

(Compilation and Recommendations - Priceless)

1) Daou Vineyards, Paso Robles, CA

*2019 Estate Cuvée Lizzy - \$85.00

96 Points, Robert Parker

The 2019 DAOU Estate Cuvée Lizzy is a signature Bordeaux-style blend from Winemaker Daniel Daou. This wine bursts from the glass with a floral bouquet of lilac, violet and cigar box. A full-bodied palate displays phenomenal texture and impressive fruit quality, revealing deep flavors of blackberry, blueberry and black currant. The entire experience is seamless through the finish, backed by a fine structure that will enable the wine to age beautifully in the bottle. Blend: 49% Malbec, 29% Petit Verdot, 14% Cabernet Franc, 8% Cabernet Sauvignon

2) Blue Oak Vineyard, Coombsville, CA (Napa)

This area has been recently named the newest appellation, but for many years it was the best-kept secret of Napa. For decades, this small region has quietly provided fruit to some of Napa's most sought-after wines, such as Silver Oak

*2019 Estate Red Blend - \$75.00

A Bordeaux blend that pairs well with Beef and Venison. Predominantly Merlot with Cabernet Franc and Cabernet Sauvignon. This fine wine begins with the scent of wild strawberries and raspberries that introduce the palate to flavors of juicy blackberries and black currants. These bold, fruity flavors are enhanced by secondary notes of violets and cardamom. Delicious now and all the more decadent to enjoy in the next few years.

3) Blue Oak Vineyard, Coombsville, CA (Napa)

*2019 Merlot Estate Reserve - \$85.00

Chicago Tribune - "Blue Oak Merlot, which is named for the regal blue oak tree in the backyard, is perhaps California's best merlot."

A dark garnet hue, this beautifully complex wine is filled with complementary flavors and a silky texture from start to finish. An approachable aroma of blackberry, plum and cocoa foreshadows the rich layers of red cherry, blueberry, and mocha that will linger on the palate.

4) LEGADO Del CONDE, Spain

2020 Morgadio Legados del Conde Albariño - \$19.00

90 Points, Wine Spectator

A full-bodied, serious, dry Albarino similar to its sibling Morgadio incorporating wines made from the first pressing in a comparatively softer and more floral style. The wine is green apple–bright, saline and tannic in its lees, the lasting flavor deepening to kumquat and apricot richness

5) Cass Winery, Paso Robles, CA

2019 Mourvedre - \$30.00

92 Points, Wine Enthusiast

A choir of smokey plum, cassis liqueur, freshly turned earth and savory spice illuminates the senses. Soft shouldered tannin and a buoyant acidity ride alongside halos of baked boysenberry and braised blueberry, while notes of mint cocoa perfectly dovetail with Lady Grey tea. The finish resonates with black cherry, cracked white pepper, caramelized pecan and tamari reduction.

6) Gini Winery, Veneto, Italy

2018 La Frosco Soave - \$28.00

95 Points, Wine Enthusiast

One of the iconic wines of the denomination, this gorgeous, polished white opens with enticing scents of yellow stone fruit, summer wildflowers and hay along with a whiff of wet slate. Elegantly structured, the delicious palate doles out ripe apricot, white peach and tangerine drop candy before a savory—almost salty—almond finish. While it's wonderful now, it will continue to evolve and age beautifully for years. Drink through 2030

7) McEVOY RANCH, Petaluma, CA

2020 Rosebud - \$22.00

The 2020 Rosebud Rosé is 100% Pinot Noir. Pale and pretty with juicy acidity and a mineral streak, it is austere enough to pair with oysters and fruity enough to enjoy on a picnic. In the aromas, there is the usual sweet Pinot Noir fruit and a hint of baking bread, reminiscent of a rosé Champagne. On the palate it is juicy, racy and lean, much more in the style of old world rose. It finishes fresh and clean, and is completely dry, no residual sugar. It would make a splendid companion to all sorts of picnic-type foods, from charcuterie to oysters to cheese, even fried chicken (try it, you might be surprised).

8) McEVOY RANCH, Petaluma, CA

2017 Pacheco Ranch Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon - \$28.00

At this historic vineyard, originally planted in 1840, oak, redwood, palm trees, and Cabernet Sauvignon thrive. The 2017 season was warm, and the wine reflects that. Full-bodied and plush with a lot of ripe fruit, this wine is generous and forward. On the palate, the oak takes a back seat to the classic Cabernet flavors of blackberry, cassis, and espresso. The coastal forest surrounds the vineyard and sometimes you can detect a hint of woodland in the aromas.

9) Obsidian Wine Company, Carneros, Napa Valley

2020 Poseidon Vineyard Estate Pinot Noir - \$38.00

91 Points, Wine Enthusiast (2019)

Shy in its youth, traditional Carneros aromas of strawberries and rhubarb are accompanied by elements of pomegranate and freshly toasted whole wheat bread and a hint of baking spice. These aromas are reflected on the palate with additional notes of persimmon, guava, and rose water. Medium-lightweight overall, with moderate-long length and a welcoming acidity.

10) Obsidian Wine Company, Carneros, Napa Valley

2019 Poseidon Vineyard Estate Chardonnay - \$34.00

90 Points, Wine Enthusiast

Nutty and floral, with spiced oak, this is a textured and tightly grippy white wine from the producer's estate. Medium in weight, it showcases flavors of honeycomb and apricot.

11) Wachira Wines, Buellton, CA (Grapes from Napa, Paso Robles, and Lodi)

2018 Black Label Cabernet Sauvignon - \$39.00

2022 Double Gold Medal Winner - San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition (Largest Competition Of North American Wines)

First Black/Woman owned wine tasting room in Alameda County! Founded in 2017, Wachira Wines is the first Kenyan-American winery in the U.S. They celebrate Kenyan culture, Kenyan values, and their family's dual Kenyan-American adventure. As an independent, woman-owned, family-run winery, they are dedicated to crafting world class wines.

12) Cline Cellars, Sonoma, CA (Carneros District)

2020 Sauvignon Blanc - \$14.00

89 Points, Tasting Panel

Edgy and crisp, with white grapefruit sidling up to searing acidity alongside impressive notes of yellow apple, dill, and guava. White pepper dots the citrusy finish. Recognized for its rich portfolio of wines, Cline is one of the pioneers of California's Rhone Rangers movement, and the largest holder of 100+ year-old-vine vineyards in California.

13) Cline Cellars, Sonoma, CA (Carneros District)

2019 Mouvedre Rose - \$15.00

Cline Mourvèdre Rosé is made as a Blanc de Noir or "white of a red grape," in the style of a white wine. The skins were gently crushed and pressed, extracting a small amount of color and tannin. The wine is a pale salmon color. Aromas of watermelon, strawberries and cream, rosewater, potpourri and candied watermelon. Flavors of watermelon, strawberries, tangy orange and lemon. Light bodied, balanced and refreshing.