

March Wine Bargains

Red Wines:

Parducci Pinot Noir, California

\$12

With a dark ruby color, this wine is loaded with copious quantities of jammy black-cherry fruit. Additionally, it possesses a silky texture, delightful concentration, & a heady, long finish. This voluptuous wine can be drunk over the next few years.

Marchesi di Barolo "Maraia" Barbera, Piedmont, Italy

\$14

The 2012 Barbera del Monferrato Maraia offers a cheerful nod to the local Langhe dialect: "maraia" refers to a young child who is especially vivacious, giggly and lively. The cheerful tone of the wine perfectly embodies its fantasy name. Bright cherry and raspberry give way to spice and toasted almonds.

Domaine de Cristia Grenache, Vin de Pays de Méditerranée, France *Organically farmed!!*

\$14

From an amazing Chateauneuf du Pape producer, this delicious Grenache fashioned from 35 year old vines is all tank-fermented and aged. It exhibits a deep ruby color as well as a sweet nose of black cherries, pepper, and sandalwood. Spicy, rich, medium to full-bodied, and supple-textured, it is fabulous with meatloaf and stews.

Cuvi Tempranillo Roble, Castilla y Leon, Spain

\$11

Medium crimson-colored, it delivers a nose of cedar, mineral, spice box, violets, and black cherry. Medium- to full-bodied on the palate, it has plenty of spicy black fruit, good depth, enough structure to evolve for 1-2 years, and a medium-long finish. This excellent value will provide pleasant drinking over the next 5 years.

Bliss Zinfandel, Mendocino, California

\$15

This cool climate Zin is a delicious, ripe, medium dark ruby-colored wine to drink over the next 5-6 years. There is a wonderful inner-core of sweet fruit, a supple texture, and a crisp, spicy finish. Barbecue season is coming!

JK Estates "Crossfire" Red, Lodi, California

\$13

The dark ruby/plum-hued Cabernet / Syrah/ Merlot blend offers a big, rich, fruity, floral-scented nose, a fleshy, succulent mouthfeel & impressive purity. A brilliant bargain, this juicy, hedonistic wine can be drunk over the next 3-4 years.

Botalcura Syrah-Malbec, Chile

\$14

Enticing aromas of mineral, blueberry, black cherry, and incense lead to a medium- to full-bodied wine with a smooth-texture, sweet fruit, excellent depth, and a lengthy, pure finish. It will continue to blossom for the next 2-3 years.

Flaco Cabernet Sauvignon, Spain

Organically farmed!!

\$9

This rich full-bodied wine is well-structured with firm tannins and ripe dark fruit flavors of blackberry and black currant layered with notes of toasty oak and cocoa.

White Wines:

Acrobat Pinot Gris, Oregon

\$14

Ripe white and yellow fruits can be found in the expressive aromatics of this Pinot Gris. Medium-bodied and satin-textured, this lush, fruit-forward wine reveals copious quantities of apples, pears, flowers, and hints of yellow plums. On the finish there's notes of candied citrus fruits.

Solar de Teules Blanco, Rioja, Spain

\$15

This blend of Viura, Grenache Blanc, & Malvasia is medium straw-colored, it offers up a chalky, mineral-accented nose along with notes of honeysuckle, almonds, and peach. On the satin-textured palate, tropical notes of pineapple and mango emerge leading to a medium-long, lively finish. Drink this tasty white with fresh seafood & oysters.

Leese Fitch Chardonnay, California

\$14

A big, ripe and delicious Chardonnay that offers loads of apple-laced fruits, honeysuckle and touches of spice and toast, this Chardonnay fills the mouth with fruit, yet stays lively and fresh, with good acidity and length.

La Grand Ribe Viognier, Languedoc, France

\$11

Here's a luscious wine from the Languedoc that won't break the bank. Rich on the nose with notes of lychee and honeysuckle, one thinks it might be sweet on the palate, but instead finds a deliciously dry wine with good acidity, impressive flavor—and a touch of lemon on the finish. It's delicious with fish tacos.