



## October Madrona Wines Monthly

### SIX WHITES

- ☐ **Oriol Rossell Brut Cava** (\$14)  
Xarel-lo, Xacabeu and Parellada.  
Clean and crisp, with fine, abundant bubbles, aromas of white fruits, syrups and some very subtle ageing notes. It is fresh and fruity, with a balanced acidity and a long, slightly creamy finish. 11.5% alcohol by volume
- ☐ **2013 Nortico Alvarinho** (\$13)  
From Minho in Portugal, the home of Vinho Verde comes this 100% Albareno with smooth soft texture and delicate aromas reminiscent of peach, lemon, passion fruit, lychee, orange zest, jasmine, orange blossom and lemon balm. 11% alcohol by volume
- ☐ **2012 Barbi Orvieto Classico** (\$10)  
40% Grechetto, 30% Procanico, 20% Drupeggio & Malvasia, 10% Verdello  
Abboccato  
Off-dry and fragrant. Excellent as an aperitif, it goes well with light hors-d'oeuvres, omelettes with vegetables, crustacea and fish. 12.5% alcohol by volume
- ☐ **2012 Domaine Philémon Perle** (\$13)  
60% Loin de L'Oeil, 20% Muscadelle & 20% Sauvignon Blanc  
Gaillac  
A good proportion of the vines are more than fifty years old. Because of the low yields this wine fills the palate with a wonderful concentration of flavors while retaining a freshness that is underscored by mineral and citrus notes. Organic. 12.5% alcohol by volume
- ☐ **2013 Gilbert Cellars The Grower White** (\$15)  
70% Chardonnay, 30% Riesling  
An unusual blend of Washington's two premier white grapes, is made even more mysterious by the fact that there is no mention of the grapes on the label. Instead there is the story of Curt Gilbert, a fruit grower, who started buying vineyards in 2001. The two varietals complement each other perfectly showing off the best qualities of both grapes.
- ☐ **2013 Wolftrap White** (\$10)  
60% Viognier, 21% Chenin Blanc, 19% Grenache Blanc  
This unusual blend of Viognier (spice), Chenin Blanc (melon) and Grenache Blanc (white peach), contributes to an intriguing and harmonious quaffing experience. Components were fermented and aged partially in French oak before blending and bottling.



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### SIX REDS

- **2007 Valdepalacios Rioja Alta Crianza** (\$12)  
85% Tempranillo, 10% Garnacha, 5% Mazuelo  
A very exceptional crianza, aged for 12 months in barrels then bottle aged for an additional three years prior to release. It has smooth fruit and toasty notes with an excellent balance of oak and soft tannins, and a smooth lingering finish.
- **2012 Domaine Fond Croze Vincent de Catari Cote du Rhone Villages** (\$12)  
A good deal on a village level Rhone. Garrique, earth and medium fruit with a spicy finish.
- **2009 Quinta da Bica** (\$10)  
Touriga Nacional, Alfrocheiro, Tinta Roriz  
A great deal on an oak aged cooler vineyard red from the Dão with a succulent mix of red and black cherries in the front leading to a smooth earthy finish. **Was \$15 now \$10**
- **2012 Estenas Utiel Requena** (\$12)  
Bobal  
An unheard grape from Spain, Bobal is often overlooked but can shine. Aromas of blueberries, blackberries and something a little flowery. The wine is pretty full-bodied with firm tannins, blackcurrant fruit with some blackberry jam and a smoky charcoal note. **Was \$14 now \$12**
- **2009 Santa Lucia Vigna del Melograno** (\$14)  
Nero di Troia  
A quality red from the heel of the boot. Spicy aromas and subtle notes of vanilla and bred fruit lead to a light and nimble palate, with alternates waves of sun warmed plums, cherries, tar and food-friendly tannins. **Was \$18 now \$14**
- **2011 Domaine Maby La Fermade Lirac** (\$14)  
65% Grenache, 12% Mourvedre, 23% Syrah  
Briary garrigue berry scents and flavors with earthy undertones and dry tannins. offering more depth and complexity than most Côtes-du-Rhône. **Was \$18 now \$14**



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- **2010 Tenuta del Buonamico Montecarlo Rosso** (\$10)  
55% Sangiovese, 15% Canaiolo, 10% Syrah, 10% Merlot  
A Tuscan blend with big ambitions that settles back into modest enjoyment. Dark fruit and floral notes, and a good dry backbone. **Was \$17 now \$10** 13% alcohol by volume
  
- **2008 Château D' Hautpoul Minervois** (\$12)  
Syrah & Grenache  
Dark jammy red fruits in the full textured body. Firm tannins last through to the finish with herbal & white pepper notes.
  
- **2011 Castelmaure Cote 125 Corbieres de Durban** (\$13)  
50% Carignan, 35% Grenache, 15% Syrah  
Castelmaure is a co-op founded in the 1920's and today consists of 65 members. The winery is located in the village of Durban, which will soon become an official Cru together in Corbieres. The Serre mountain in the south protects the little plateau of Castelmaure from the off weather patterns of the Mediterranean Sea. Notes of brambly berry, cherry and raspberry, spices, and black pepper combine in this authentic French country wine, along with aromas of Garrigue (rosemary, thyme and lavender) giving a minty, herbal notes, that are quite refreshing as well.
  
- **2010 Château De Cugat Bordeaux Supérieur** (\$13)  
60% Merlot, 40% Cabernet Sauvignon.  
Ripe notes of blackcurrant, cherry and a touch of licorice. Good structure, great wine for the money!
  
- **2008 Atalaya** (\$15)  
A blend of Monastrell, Garnacha Tintorera (Alicante Bouschet), this Spanish red has lots of deep fruit and good structure. If you like the Laya, try the Ata.
  
- **2009 Ksara Blanc De L'Observatoire** (\$13)  
Sauvignon Blanc, Muscat and Clairette  
Lebanon  
The Sauvignon gives finesse and elegance, the Muscat subtle flowery aromas, and the Clairette fruity richness.  
12.5% alcohol by volume