

## Mel's Mix

- **2012 Principe Pallavicini Amarasco Cesanes** (\$22)  
100% Cesanese  
Pallavicini is located in Lazio (the knee cap). The name Amarasco refers to the typical aromas of the Cesanese grape variety, the violetta flower and sour cherry, also called "amarasco" in Italian. This wine comes from some of the oldest Pallavicini vineyards with 60-year-old vines. The wine has broad aromas with notes of nutmeg, red rose and spicy nuances. The palate has great thrust but is balanced and mouth-filling with a long finish.
  
- **2009 Terrebrune Bandol** (\$40)  
85% Mouvedre, 10% Grenache, 5% Cinsault  
The 2009 has aromas of dried fruits, black tea, mineral, black pepper, rose, violets, thyme, smoky bacon all vie discreetly for attention. The palate is pure pleasure, with very fine tannins, gorgeous acidity and intense and persistent fruit. Aging potential 30 years.  
Organic
  
- **2012 Gifford Hirlinger Stateline Red** (\$15)  
49% Merlot, 43% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8% Malbec  
Estate Grown from Walla Walla, the Stateline Red "jumps out of the glass with tones of ripe cherry, cassis, and even a touch of raspberry. The mouth continues with ripe red fruits, notes ripe plum, and a hint of toasted oak. The tannins are young and firm, and the acidity is lively." A great deal in Washington wine.
  
- **2011 Menhir Quota 31** (\$13)  
Primativo  
An oaked Primativo from Sicily. The wine is dark and smooth and rich with flavors of blackberry, Kirsch, cassis, chocolate, a hint of tar, a little leather, caramel, stewed raspberry, and baked figs.
  
- **2011 Aubai Mema L'Insoumise** (\$12)  
Old Vine Carignan  
L'Insoumise in the French feminine form means: the rebel, the indomitable one. The carignan comes from 60-year-old vines and has a soft velvety texture with floral notes and spicy flavors.  
**Was \$16 now \$12**
  
- **2012 Torre D'orti Ripasso** (\$15)  
Corvina, Molinara, Rondinella  
60% of the grapes for this fantastic ripasso style are freshly pressed and 40% were kept until December, making them passito style and then crushed. Rich on the nose with plenty of fruit. On the palate it has a good dense character with bags of length on the finish.  
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