

Mel's Mix Selections

- **2012 Cavalchina Bardolino Superiore Santa Lucia** (\$15)
60% Corvina, 25% Rondinella, 15% Marzemino and Barbera
A solid Veronese red with an intense bouquet, nuances of cherries and marasca. On the palate it has a persistent peppery, spicy character. **Was \$25 now \$15**

- **2012 Nicosia Frapatto** (\$10)
Created from an ancient grape variety typical of southeastern Sicily, this wine is distinctive for its pleasantly fragrant bouquet of fresh red fruits, raspberries and blueberries, while its taste is both lively and soft.
13% alcohol by volume

- **2013 Echeverria Gran Reserva** (\$12)
Malbec
A Chelian Malbec that sets itself off from its Argentinian neighbors. Full and soft plummy fruit, with violet aromase and a smooth round finish.

- **2011 Soos Creek Palisade** (\$20)
82% Merlot, 18% Cabernet Sauvignon
From some heavy hitting vineyards, the Palisade is aromas of dark raspberry, dark chocolate, musky spices and earth. At once broad and juicy, offering savory currant and dark raspberry fruit flavors complicated by licorice and smoky soil nuances. Nicely concentrated wine with a restrained sweetness. Finishes with tongue-dusting, essentially supple tannins.

- **2014 Neyers Sage Canyon Red Wine** (\$23)
45% Carignan, 25% Grenache, 15% Mourvedre, 15% Syrah
Some very old vine (120 years) Carignan anchors this very complex Rhone style red that drinks amazingly well for the money. Rich layered and delicious.

- **2014 Raffault Chinon Rouge** (\$15)
Cabernet Franc
Classic Chinon. R. Parker says "Deep black cherry and aromas tinged with vanilla, chocolate...lead to a bright yet quite silken-textured palate loaded with ripe, pit- and herb-accented black cherry fruit...it draws to a lip-smacking finish." 12.5% alcohol by volume

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