

VINE BAR

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WINE LIST

BY-THE-GLASS (6 OZ GLASS/BOTTLE)

SPARKLING

- Bisson, Glera, Vino Frizzante Prosecco (2022)**.....\$16/\$60 (S)
Veneto, Italy
Lightly sparkling and refreshingly dry, this is the perfect patio sipper. You might as well just order a bottle because you're not going to stop at a glass.
- Mascaró, Parellada/Macabeo, 'Pure', Brut Nature Reserva Cava (NV)**.....\$13/\$49(S)
Penedes, Catalonia, Spain
After drinking this wine in Barcelona back in April, I was pleasantly surprised to find it distributed in Mass (so often when you travel, you can't find the wines you fall in love with at home). Brut Nature (or no dosage) are the driest style of sparkling wine – Cava in its purest form.
- Maison Foucher, Chenin Blanc/Chard/PN, 'Cuvee de Roys de Naples' Brut (NV)**.....\$16/\$60
Crémant de Loire, Loire Valley, France
Champagne-like at a fraction of the price. We get a complex mix of fresh granny smith apple, sweet & savory herbs, and underripe white peach. So much to love about this wine.
- Aubert & Fils, Pinot Noir & Meunier/Chardonnay, Brut (NV)**.....\$24/\$90 (S)
Reims, Champagne, France
A long time favorite at Barrel & Vine, this is a classic blended Champagne with savory red apple, orchard pear, toasty brioche, truffles & crisp apple acidity. Stands toe-to-toe with much more expensive Champagne!
- Omero Moretti, Grechetto/Malvasia/Muscat, 'Sui Leviti' Vino Frizzante PetNat (NV)**.....\$18/\$68 (O)
Umbria, Italy
Methode ancestrale frizzante sparkler with stone fruit notes of yellow apple & apricot, floral orange blossom notes & toasty undertones.
- Los Monteros, Garnacha, Cava Brut Rosé (NV)**.....\$12/\$45
Utiel-Requena, Valencia, Spain
Bursting with flavors of fresh strawberries, red cherries, and ripe mandarin with a dry saline finish. Goes down almost too easily!
- Ca' Montanari, Lambrusco, 'Opera 2' Demi-Sec Lambrusco di Modena (NV)**.....\$13/\$49(O)
Emilia Romagna, Italy
Sparkling Lambrusco finally seems to be having its moment! Fresh crushed black cherries & plums mix with pepper-dusted savory notes & just a touch of fruitiness that make this a classic pairing for salty cured meats.

WHITE

- Chateau de la Gravelle, Melon de Bourgogne, Muscadet Sevre-et-Maine Sur Lie (2020)**.....\$13/\$49 (S)
Muscadet Sevre-et-Maine, Loire Valley, France
Although not as well known as those 2 other Loire Valley grapes, Muscadet deserves the spotlight as a nearly perfect seafood (and especially oyster) pairing, which is perfect since oysters are best eaten in months that end in 'r'. Herbed citrus, wet rock minerality and bright acidity.
- Kobal, Sauvignon Blanc (2022)**.....\$15/\$56 (S)
Posavje, Slovenia
I'll admit – I'm a hard sell on Sauvignon Blanc. I understand why people love it, but either because I drank too much of it when I was younger or because there are so many other amazing white grapes out there to try (likely both), I very, very rarely drink SB. But I would choose to drink this one, which says a lot.
- Weingut Thomas Hartneck, Gutedel (Chasselas) (2021)**\$15/\$56 (O/B/N)
Baden, Germany
Apparently, we really like this guy, considering this is the second wine in a row he's had on our list. We can't help it – the wines are just that good and so interesting. Aromas of ginger, tarragon, & citrus, it has ripe citrus and crisp apple acidity that balance the floral and savory notes.
- Anne Amie Vineyards, Pinot Gris, Estate (2022)**.....\$15/\$56 (S)
Willamette Valley, Oregon, USA
This wine hits all of the notes for whites we like to drink this season. Medium-bodied, full of orchard fruits and sweet white flowers but with a structure and longevity to stand up to the season's transitional dishes.

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Luis Pato, Bical/Cercial, Vinhas Velhas Branco (2022).....\$15/\$56

Bairrada, Portugals

We love Portugal for many things, but its wine values and Luis Pato are at the top of the list. Layered notes of white fruit, citrus, & fresh herbs with slightly smoky undertones. This wine could pair with much of the fall menu, but is outstanding with the mussels.

Nicola del Negro, Muscat, 'Chambave' (2020).....\$15/\$56 (O)

Valle d'Aosta, Italy

This wine would not be ignored. With its complexity & depth of flavors that go far beyond the typical floral Muscat notes, it nearly forced us to put it on the fall list. If there is one wine on this list that you should try if you're curious about wine, it's this one. And no, this is NOT Moscato.

La Crotta di Vegneron, Muller-Thurgau (2022).....\$12/\$45 (O)

Valle d'Aosta, Italy

Made me want to put on a flannel and head straight to the orchard. This wine is all things fall in a glass.

Mary Taylor Wines, Chenin Blanc, Pascal Biotteau Anjou Blanc (2022).....\$12/\$45(S)

Anjou, Loire Valley, France

An excellent example of both classic Chenin Blanc and classic Anjou, this wine brings the best of both together with honeyed apricot notes balanced by limestone & flinty minerality. Not to mention, a ridiculous value. Don't overthink it – just try it.

Domaine le Clos des Lumieres, Viognier/Grenache Blanc/Roussanne, 'L'Eclat' (2021).....\$12/\$45 (O)

Rhone Valley, France

Rhone whites are very hit or miss for me. Sometimes the waxy texture overtakes the glass and I can't get past it. However, when these wine hit (as this one does), they are extraordinary food pairing wines, especially for the cooler seasons. The richness stands up to the weight of the dishes but still has enough liveliness to make your taste buds stand up.

Jax Vineyards, Chardonnay, 'Y3' (2021).....\$16/\$60

Napa Valley, California, USA

Proving that not all California Chardonnay is excessively oaky and buttery, the Y3 represents that classic Cali style that people are looking for, while still maintaining a balance between fruit, acid, and oak.

Domaine du Château de Pierreclos, Chardonnay, 'Au Grand Bussiere' (2020).....\$23/\$86 (O)

Saint-Veran, Burgundy, France

In a region where the price of wine has gotten out of range for the average wine drinker, this organic bottling from a lieu dit in the village of Saint-Veran represents a gorgeous example of white Burgundy without the price tag to match. Rich, lush, medium-full bodied with notes of honeysuckle, ripe peaches & apricots with a lemon zest acidity that keeps it fresh.

ROSÉ / ORANGE

Bodegas Rezabal, Hondarribi Zuri & Beltza, Txakoli Rosé (2022).....\$13/\$48 (S)

Txakoli, Spain

Similar to Vinho Verde, the wines from the Northern Spanish Basque region of Txakoli are lower alcohol with a bit of trapped CO2 that gives a tickle on the tongue. Super dry & crisp with a whiff of chalk dust, pickled strawberries, & lime candy on the finish.

Le Fraghe, Corvina/Rondinella, 'Ròdon' (2022)\$10/\$37 (O)

Chiaretto di Bardolino, Veneto, Italy

From a mom & daughter team dedicated to organic grape-growing & winemaking just to the east of Lake Garda using grapes traditionally used in the production of Valpolicella & Amarone. Pink strawberries, white Rainier cherries, dried wild roses & a touch of anise.

Anne Amie Vineyards, Pinot Noir, 'Midnight Saignee' (2022)\$14/\$53 (S)

Willamette Valley, Oregon, USA

Light, fresh & soft with notes of sweet red fruits (pie cherry, strawberry), orange blossom, and lime zest with light floral notes and an undercurrent of minerality. Delicious with the shrimp cocktail.

Weingut Loersch, Spatburgunder (Pinot Noir) (2021).....\$12/\$45 (S)

Mosel, Germany

This wine is quite an adventure for your senses! Aromas of dried apricots and ripe peaches become more mandarin orange on the palate but it's the interaction of the brazen acidity and the small amount residual sugar that really make this wine interesting & playful, creamy & summery at the same time. A fun lesson in German winemaking.

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ROSÉ/ORANGE (CONT'D)

Stolpman Vineyards, Mourvedre/Grenache, 'Para Maria' Rosé (2022).....\$10/\$38 (O)

Santa Barbara County, California, USA

Vinified with the great Mourvedre-based wines of Bandol in mind, this wine leads with high-tone acidity and flinty minerality followed quickly by crunchy red fruit notes, making this wine super fresh & bright, layered and with a loooooong finish.

Domaine Guiberteau Cabernet Franc (2022).....\$15/\$56 (O/B)

Saumur, Loire Valley, France

This wine hits alllll the notes – bright red berries, sweet & savory herbs, slightly floral with crisp saline acidity that dances on the finish. Pair with anything with tomatoes.

Château la Gondonne, Grenache/Syrah/Cinsault, 'Tête de Cuvée' (2022).....\$17/\$64 (S)

Côtes de Provence, France

Arguably the most famous place for rosé, 'Tête de Cuvée,' refers to this being Gondonne's highest end bottling & it absolutely shows. Rainier white cherry & spring cherry blossom linger with flavors of Meyer lemon & a touch of strawberry cream on the finish.

Domaine Petroni, Nielluccio/Sciaccarellu/Grenache (2022).....\$12/\$45 (S)

Corsica, France

Consistently delicious year after year. The wild, sun warmed strawberry aromas are childhood memories translated into an adult bevvie & the key lime finish seals the deal.

Antonio Scala, Gaglioppo (2022)\$12/\$45 (O)

Cirò, Calabria, Italy

A richer style of rosé, the darker color gives visual hints of its complexity & touch of grape skin tannin on the palate. Blood orange peel & cranberry sauce aromas with a big ole whack of Pom -wonderful on the palate.

Groundwork, Picpoul, 'Picpoul Carbonique' (2022).....\$18/\$68 (O/N)

Paso Robles, California, USA

So many things about this wine called to my curious nature – Picpoul from California, made carbonically, and then the juice spending time on it's skins making it an "orange" wine. I was intrigued. And then so happy when the wine was also delicious (no surprise from the folks at Groundwork!). Clean, fresh, flinty – a great intro to orange wine.

Echeverria, Sauvignon Blanc, 'No es Pituko!' (2022).....\$14/\$53 (O/B/N)

Valle de Curico, Central Valley, Chile

Translation: "It ain't fancy!" But it IS delicious. If you know us, you know we don't like to give you basic Sauvignon Blanc by-the-glass, but if you're willing to be adventurous, we'll still give you delicious Sauvignon Blanc.

Skull Wines, Vermentino, 'Orange' (2022).....\$16/\$60 (O/N)

California, USA

Afer meeting winemaker Patrick Cappello and tasting through almost the entire line-up of Monte Rio Cellars & Skull wines, it was difficult to not buy all of them (although between here & Barrel & Vine, we do have quite the representation). Oftentimes "natural" wines equate to "funky", but not in this case. Patrick manages to create clean, fresh & bright wines that are still representative of their varietal character.

Le Vigne de Zamò, Malvasia, 'Orange' (2022).....\$20/\$75 (O/S)

Trevenezie, Veneto, Italy

Without a doubt the richest of our orange wines (even though it's the lightest in color), this wine is so aromatic, it could be made into bath salts. With all the bright citrus notes you'd expect from an orange wine, great acid punches back with herbal tones that balance out the character of this explosive mixture. Honey & lemon jump off your tongue with this zesty orange wine.

RED

Judith Beck, St. Laurent/Zweigelt, 'Ink' (2021).....\$14/\$53 (O/B/V)

Burgenland, Austria

Aaaaallll the fresh ripe red & black fruits – strawberries, cherries, plums – with a nice smoky, white pepper note and hints of savory underbrush. Beck consistently makes some of the cleanest, freshest natural wine around. - ***chilled**

Ayunta, Nerello Mascalese, Terre Siciliano Rosso (2022).....\$15/\$56 (O)

Sicily, Italy

You may remember the Blanco version of this wine from a previous wine list. Here we have the more traditional Rosso version. Crunchy black fruits & purple floral notes with light tea tannins finishing with dark volcanic minerality. This wine is a little broody and pairs well with chilly fall nights. ***chilled**

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RED (CONT'D)

- Gunther Steinmetz, Pinot Noir (2021)**.....\$16/\$60 (S)
Mosel, Germany
If you've never had a German wine, it's time to experience true cool climate grape-growing. Bright acid, wild red berries and savory green & black olive notes. Underripe strawberries & raspberries, wild mint and grey slate add complexity to this light-bodied sipper.
- August Cellars, Pinot Noir (2016)**.....\$17/\$64 (S)
Willamette Valley, Oregon USA
We always get excited when we find "current releases" of wines that already have a few years of age on them as usually it means that they are a little more "ready to drink" than wines that were just bottled and this wine is no exception. That being said, this wine is still so fresh – bursting with lively acidity, ripe red fruits and dried black tea leaf. Extra bonus that the winemakers aren't passing along the cost of waiting to release onto you, the consumer.
- Luigi Voghera, Nebbiolo (2021)**.....\$15/\$56 (O)
Langhe, Piedmonte, Italy
A classic Piedmont Nebbiolo with bright red fruit, baking spices & pretty floral notes accompanied by tart acid and firm tannins. Opens up beautifully with some air. This is Nebbiolo fruit hitting way above it's Langhe appellation.
- Sottimano, Dolcetto, 'Bric de Salto' (2022)**.....\$13/\$49 (O)
Dolcetto d'Alba, Piedmont, Italy
Take a walk on the serious side of Dolcetto. This bottling has a bit of forest floor to go along with all the rich, dark fruits and grippy tannins. Discover more layers with each sip as it continues to develop in the glass.
- Domaine Petroni, Nielluciu/Grenache/Syrah , Corse Rouge (2020)**.....\$12/\$45 (O)
Corsica, France
Close your eyes and picture yourself among the vines on this beautiful, wind-swept Mediterranean island surrounded by ripe wild bramble berry fruit. sweet dried herbs, and ocean air. This wine is that feeling in a glass.
- Bodegas Rafael Cambra, Grenache, 'Soplo' (2021)**.....\$12/\$45 (O)
Valencia, Spain
We've been looking for a wine from Priorat to put on our list but are having trouble finding something in the right price point. Then we found this Garnacha, gently made from young vines but still packing a punch of fresh, ripe, crunchy red fruit and pretty floral notes with classic Grenache earthiness and knew we'd found a suitable replacement.
- Freire Lobo, Touriga Nacional/Encruzado , Dao Vigno (2020)**.....\$10/\$38 (O/N)
Dao, Portugal
Soft, easy & crowd pleasing – notes of ripe red fruits, sweet spice & florality. And proof that you can still find delicious, well-made wines that represent an amazing value.
- Mary Taylor Wines, Gamay/Pinot Noir/Côt , Sophie Siadou Valencay Rouge (2021)**.....\$13/\$49 (B)
Valencay, Loire Valley, France
Expressing all the lightness & elegance of its high percentage of Pinot Noir & Gamay, plus a wonderful black & white pepper quality, it also reveals its leaner, more structured "Malbec" side, expressed through sturdy tannins that balance its succulent flavors of raspberries, blackcurrant, & spice.
- Fattoria Ambra, Sangiovese/Cab Sauv/Canaiole/Merlot, 'Barco Reale' (2022)**.....\$13/\$49 (O/B/S)
Carmignano, Tuscany, Italy
A little baby Super Tuscan from the lesser known appellation of Carmignano. The large portion of Sangiovese gives it that classic Tuscan character while the Cab & Merlot add body & ripe fruit and soften the tannic structure.
- Two Mountain, Cabernet Sauvignon (2021)**.....\$16/\$60 (O/B/N)
Yakima Valley, Washington, USA
We love this producer for their balanced hand. There is nothing 'too' about this wine – not too fruity, not too oaky, not too high alcohol. Just pure Cabernet character in a medium-bodied delivery.
- Chateau Cissac, Cab Sauv/Merlot/Petit Verdot , 'Reflets de Cissac' (2018)**.....\$15/\$56 (O)
Bordeaux, France
One smell & you know this is Bordeaux. Coming from vineyards between Saint-Estephe & Pauillac, this wine is complex but approachable with loads of ripe dark fruit, rich but soft tannins and enough oak influence to add structure and power.
- Fabre Montmayou, Malbec, Reserva (2021)**.....\$15/\$56 (O)
Mendoza, Argentina
Deep & intense with red cherry fruit & spices. Layered & well-balanced with vanilla & chocolate notes from the oak. A modern style wine, with sweet silky tannins.