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Old Gaul

Grab a bike. Make sure your tires are pumped and take a tour of old Gaul. These grapes have been around for centuries, survived fashion changes, and live as modern monuments to the French Republic of wine, cuisine, and vacation.

Raisins Gaulois



2024 Vin de France 'Raisins Gaulois'
(M. & C. Lapierre)

Sale Price \$17.99 – \$183.50 case of twelve

Marcel Lapierre elevated Beaujolais more in his lifetime than anyone. His incredible Morgon was, and still is, a darling of both village wine bars and haute cuisine. One of his last creations was Raisins Gaulois, a chillable, fresh Gamay that will go with anything. His heirs continue this tradition, and the

2024 is thoroughly charming.

L'Argilex

2022 Vouvray Sec 'Argilex' (Benoît Gautier)

Sale Price \$14.99 – \$152.90 case of twelve
Dry Vouvray is an absolute summer delight. This crisp Chenin Blanc will match well with a summery tomato salad with chèvre and basil. The 2022 from Benoît Gautier is a great value.



Tuffe

2023 Saumur-Champigny 'Tuffe' (Château du Hureau)

Sale Price \$21.99 – \$224.30 case of twelve

Rumors say that Philippe Vatan's Château du Hureau is up for sale. If so, we hope the new owners continue to produce exceptional Loire Valley Cabernet Franc. Named for the pale tuffeau limestone beneath Saumur, the 2023 Tuffe was exquisite. Its violet perfume and crushed berry fruit combined to create a finish of earthy, dry delights. Superb with salmon.



Les Roches de la Savoyarde

2023 Chignin (André & Michel Quenard)

Sale Price \$19.99 – \$203.90 case of twelve



In the hands of André and Michel Quenard, the Jacquère grape becomes a fine-tuned, superb dry white. Their south-facing alpine vineyards give the wine an extra dose of concentration while keeping it

light and lively. Perfect for a ceviche of scallops.

Tour de Fruits de Mer

2024 Muscadet Sèvre et Maine 'Tourmaline'

(Gadais Père et Fils)

Sale Price \$16.99 – \$173.30 case of twelve

As we have said before, summer without Muscadet is not summer.

The 2024 Tourmaline is marvelous Muscadet. Get your clams, oysters, and mussels. Make a feast of shellfish and Muscadet.



En Gard

2025 Tavel (Château de Trinquevedel)

Sale Price \$19.99 – \$203.90 case of twelve



Along with Bandol, Tavel is the peak of Mediterranean French rosé. Bandol derives its structure from a high proportion of Mourvèdre. Tavel takes a different path. Although fruit-forward Grenache is the signature grape of the southern Rhône, the appellation caps it at 60%, keeping complexity at the heart of the wine. The other grapes in Trinquevedel's blend include Cinsault, Clairette, Syrah, and Mourvèdre. The 2025 is a dark, peppery, meaty rosé. Have it with grilled lamb or a spicy seafood stew.

Atilia, Christina, and Thunder

Thunder

**2025 Moschofilero
'Thunder' (Troupis)**
**Sale Price \$16.99 per
Liter – \$173.30 case of
twelve**

Troupis makes this delightful rosé from Moschofilero, an aromatic, pink-skinned variety grown in the Arkadia prefecture of Greece. Floral aromas and peachy fruit lead to a crisp, dry finish.



Cerasuolo



**2025 Cerasuolo d'Abruzzo
(Atilia)**
**Sale Price \$17.99 per Liter –
\$183.50 case of twelve**
Cerasuolo flirts with the border between red and rosé. Enjoy it as a lively sipping wine, or serve this Montepulciano rosé with spicy foods that bring out its subtle fruit and grippy tannins.

Christina

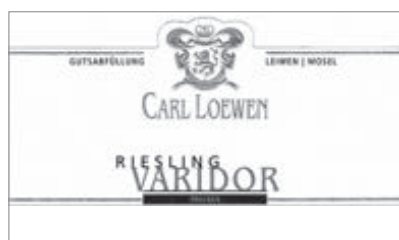
2025 Rosé (Christina)
**Sale Price \$17.99 –
\$183.50 case of twelve**
This 100% Zweigelt rosé from Austria offers lively salted-watermelon fruit and an absolutely charming, dry balance. Ideal with a watermelon-feta salad.



Mosel Trocken

2023 Mosel Riesling Trocken 'Varidor' (Carl Loewen)
Sale Price \$19.99 – \$203.90 case of twelve

The Mosel may be famous for sweeter Rieslings, but crisp



Trockens are increasingly prominent. Carl Loewen's Varidor is a mother lode of minerality, with zesty fruit shot through with crisp acidity. A remarkable match with spicy Thai noodles.

At the End of the Roman Road

2022 Zweigelt 'Carnuntum Cuvée' (Glatzer)
Sale Price \$14.99 – \$152.90 case of twelve

Two thousand years ago, Carnuntum was a Roman city of about 50,000 on the empire's northeastern frontier. Today, it's an Austrian town of about 1,300 with a modest wine industry. Here, an ancient river laid down gravelly soils where vines thrive in a



demanding climate of hot summers, cold winters, strong winds, and scant rainfall. Zweigelt, a crossing of Blaufränkisch and Sankt Laurent and now Austria's most widely planted red grape, usually makes easygoing quaffers. Walter Glatzer, however, makes Zweigelt with unusual intensity. This 2022 is dense and packed with plummy fruit, peppery spice, and an earthy, dry finish. Have this with roasted pork loin, cabbage, and apples.

Steinfeder Grüner

2024 Grüner Veltliner Steinfeder 'Spitz' (Hirtzberger)
Sale Price \$39.99 – \$407.90 case of twelve

The Wachau is another Austrian wine region where viticulture dates to Roman times. Although the steep terraced vineyards require intense manual labor, their rocky soils and distinctive grape varieties yield some of the best white wines in the world. The region's traditional grading system is entirely unique. The scale runs from Steinfeder, the lightest and named for a feather



grass that grows in the vineyards, through Federspiel, the middle-weight and named for a falconry lure used to call the hawk back to the glove, to Smaragd, the most intense and named for an emerald-green lizard. These categories tell you what to expect in terms of weight, structure, ripeness, and intensity. That said, any wine from Hirtzberger is well worth drinking. One of our favorite Hirtzberger wines is the Steinporz Smaragd

Weissburgunder, but in midsummer we strongly recommend their delicate, lightly spritzzy Grüner Veltliner Steinfeder from their home vineyards in the village of Spitz. Steinfeder wines have become increasingly rare, but Hirtzberger's 2024 delights with its lower alcohol and graceful balance. Have this with crab cakes and potato salad.

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Marabino Nero

2020 Terre Siciliane 'Rosso di Contrada' (Marabino)
Sale Price \$19.99 – \$203.90 case of twelve

Marabino is a terrific Nero d'Avola producer in southeastern Sicily. Rosso di Contrada comes from four parcels, fermented

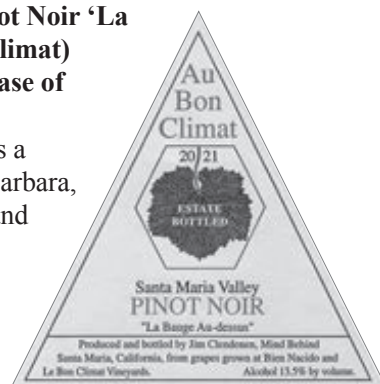


separately and spontaneously with long skin contact, aged in steel, then blended and matured in bottle, totaling nearly four years of aging. The 2020 is smooth and dry, with subtle dried fruit and flowers. Try it with grilled tuna and a tomato, mozzarella, and caper salad.

La Bauge Au-dessus

2021 Santa Maria Valley Pinot Noir 'La Bauge Au-dessus' (Au Bon Climat)
Sale Price \$34.99 – \$356.90 case of twelve

Au Bon Climat was founded as a Burgundian outpost in Santa Barbara, California. The Chardonnays and Pinot Noirs have always been exquisite. On a recent visit, Isabelle Clendenen poured us a 2021 La Bauge Au-dessus reserve Pinot Noir. We loved it and bought the last remaining cases. This is aging gently and remains expressive and impressive.



Specialty Foods

Smørrebrød

It's too hot to cook inside or out! What to do?

How do you prepare a meal when it's too hot inside to use the stove and the air quality is too poor to sit outside and grill? It's far and away the most pressing conundrum of our times.

Fortunately, we have some easy, no-cook meal suggestions that are sure to make this problem a little easier.

Smørrebrød is a Danish open-faced sandwich traditionally built on hearty rye bread and layered with combinations of fish, meats, cheese, vegetables, and bright garnishes. Each sandwich can be assembled to suit your taste, making smørrebrød easy to prepare and endlessly adaptable.

It's an ideal no-cook meal that is as fun to arrange as it is delicious to eat. Here are just a couple of combinations to get you started.



Salmon with Lemon and Capers

Tender, flash-grilled Nordic salmon with savory whipped cheese spread, garnished with thinly sliced lemon, fresh dill, and capers.



Ham and Pickle

Rich and sweet smoked ham with German horseradish mustard, garnished with tiny gherkins, red onion, and fresh parsley.

FANGST: Faroe Islands Salmon (110 g)
\$12 each

Madame Loik: Garlic and Herb Whipped Cheese (6 oz)
\$8 each

Laurel Hill: Non-Pareil Capers (2.3 oz)
\$5 each

Mestemacher: Organic Whole Rye Bread (17.6 oz)
\$7 each

Fra' Mani: Smoked Ham
\$8 per half pound

Schaller & Weber: Düsseldorf Horseradish Mustard (9 oz)
\$6 each

Domaine des Vignes: Cornichons (6.68 oz)
\$6 each

Mestemacher: Organic Whole Rye Bread (17.6 oz)
\$7 each

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Wines of the Month – July 20, 2026 through August 14, 2026

2025 Vinho Verde (Quinta da Raza)

Sale Price \$9.99 – \$107.89 case of twelve

Vinho Verde has taken great strides in quality in the last decade. Quinta da Raza is a star producer and the 2025 is snappy, fresh, and totally dry. Great with cod cakes and clams.

2024 Vin de Pays de Méditerranée Grenache (André Brunel)

Sale Price \$11.99 – \$129.49 case of twelve

Grenache master André Brunel's Vin de Pays is a full-bodied, fruity red made for grilled foods and tomato salads.

2024 Vinho Verde Rosé (Muralhas de Monção)

Sale Price \$7.99 – \$86.29 case of twelve

The Adega de Monção surprised us with this delicious, great value rosé. Made from Alvarelhão, Pedral, and Vinhão, its plum and strawberry fruit make it perfect for cheese and summer salads.

2025 Vermentino di Sardegna 'Costamolino' (Argiolas)

Sale Price \$11.99 – \$129.49 case of twelve

This is the best price in a long time for Argiolas' Vermentino. The 2025 is full and balanced with peach and pear fruit. A favorite with grilled swordfish.

