

ANNA'S GROCERY STORE

WINE PICKS

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RED

BOTTLE: ROSA DELL'OLMO BARBERA D'ASTI, Asti, Piedmont, Italy, 2018

PRICE: \$5.99 - \$8.99

PURCHASE: Trader Joe's

Though I am more of a New-World wine drinker (Think full-body with tons of fruit, spice, & tannins), I run with a circle of Old-World drinking friends (Think light to medium-body with high acid, low tannins & earthiness). Over the years, we have found several go-to bottles that appease our dueling palates, and Rosa dell 'Olmo's Barbera d'Asti from Trader Joe's hits heavy on the list. This bottle blends Old-World acid and earthiness with more of that body and spice I crave. And for the price, none of us are mad about stocking up on multiple bottles to wine down with.

WHITE

BOTTLE: STARBOROUGH SAUVIGNON BLANC, Marlborough, New Zealand, 2019

PRICE: \$9.99 – \$14.99

PURCHASE: Meijer, Wal-Mart, Target, Walgreens

Since all wine is going down easier and faster these days, it might be a blessing and a curse that Starborough's Sauvignon Blanc is the Holy Grail of Patio Pounders. This bottle takes the classic taste of a Marlborough, New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc and cranks its juicy bright citrus notes to 11. If you decide to try a sip of this tart & refreshing wine on a warm sunny day, you may be left wondering where the bottle went. It doesn't hurt that this summer quencher is a cost-friendly easy find at nearly every grocery store too!

(Semi) SPARKLING

BOTTLE: FÂMEGA ROSÉ, Vihno Verde, Portugal, N/V

PRICE: \$8.99 – \$13.99

PURCHASE: D&W, Midtown Fresh

If Sauvignon Blanc makes you think more about a Cat Lady's basement than a great time at the beach, another wine that pairs awesome with the sun (or at least the dream of it) is Fâmega's Vihno Verde or Rosé! Both wines are slightly effervescent, crisp, clean, and not Sauvignon Blanc style tart. They boast a great balance of tropical fruit notes that do not overpower and are always a fantastic find for the price. Between the two, their Rosé wins out for me here because of an additional subtle strawberry note that may help satisfy a broader variety of wine drinkers, even some sweet-tooths!