

ANNA'S WINE PICKS

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Mother's Day is coming up this Sunday, and we think Mom deserves ALL of the wine this year (and always, really). Here are a few wine picks to add to your Mother's Day gift or to create a fun wine tasting event for her at home.

RED

BOTTLE: PRISMA PINOT NOIR, Casablanca Valley, Chile

PRICE: \$12.00 - \$14.99

PURCHASE: Midtown Fresh, Nextdoor Wine Store Delivery

In my never ending search for wines that appease both New-World & Old-World drinking palates, I have found Chilean Pinot Noirs, specifically from Casablanca Valley, as a grocery go-to on the list! To be fair, if the idea of 'barnyard' as a tasting note makes you want to run away from the farm, this pinot may not be for your glass. However, if you are a red wine drinker that seeks out spicy complexity and can appreciate Old-World notes of mushroom and potting soil, this wine checks the boxes for overall satisfaction! Prisma's Pinot Noir is still light in body and high in acidity, but its layers of peppercorn and rustic earth nestled between bright red fruit notes is what makes it pop! It doesn't hurt that the subtle oak finish of this wine also makes it a more universally food-friendly pinot than most. Hello, Steak!

WHITE

BOTTLE: ALAMOS Torrontés, Salta, Argentina

PRICE: \$10.99 – \$14.99

PURCHASE: Midtown Fresh

Since the luxury of in-restaurant wine tastings & wine flights are temporarily on hold, it can be hard to risk buying a bottle of wine you have never tried before, especially when it is a new-to-you wine varietal. That's where a wine-pick like this comes in. If you haven't tried Torrontés before, it is a white wine grape that is unique to Argentina. It is typically very sweet and floral on the nose, but crisp and dry on the palate. Its flavor profiles are reminiscent of a dry Riesling, which also is why it is a great pairing for spicy Asian & Indian dishes, especially those that include curry! Worried on which Torrontés bottle to buy? Alamos is the perfect grocery gateway bottle! Since this specific bottle is a touch sweeter than others, I have found it best at satisfying the majority of white wine drinkers at any summer party. 'Decanter' also seems to agree as they rated this wine 95 points.

ROSÉ

BOTTLE: CHLOE ROSÉ, Central Coast, CA

PRICE: \$9.99 – \$17.99

PURCHASE: Harding's, Meijer

Since Chloe Rosé has gotten increasingly popular in grocery aisles over the past few years, I have been happy to watch its price go down! This bottle used to be my mid-range treat-yo-self Rosé that I loved to take to the beach or wrap up for a girlfriend's birthday. Now, it is my go-to bottle at almost any grocery store when I do not have time to peruse the Rosé section but I want an affordable bottle that delivers. Chloe Rosé is a dry Pinot Noir-based blend that is aromatic on the nose, bright on the palate, and slightly acidic on the finish. Its notes of fresh strawberries and watermelon are mixed w/ a hint of pink peppercorn, which gives it a zesty complexity for its lower price point. Perhaps this is also why the '2019 World Value Wine Challenge' named this bottle a 'Top 5 Rosé Wine \$20 and Under'.

Cheers!

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