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New wines with a great feature: a low price

Now this is what I like to see, new products arriving in the Vintages section with some really low, attractive price tags. A lot of what we talk about is top-notch value, but it's nice to see simply low-cost wines, especially at a time when those Christmas bills are starting to arrive.

Louis Bouillot Perle d'Aurore Brut Rosé Crémant de Bourgogne (\$18.95, code 48793). Next time you've got something to celebrate, try this beautiful bubbly from Burgundy. The region gives a little more flexibility to the composition, so this pink sparkler is mostly Pinot Noir with a little Gamay blended in (the latter is not permitted in nearby Champagne). The colour is a robust salmon pink, the wine is dry and clean, the mousse is fine and persistent, the flavours come across as strawberries and rhubarb.



Sherry

Porcupine Ridge 2011 Sauvignon Blanc (\$13.95, code 126797). Here's a terrific value in South African (Western Cape) Sauvignon Blanc. I like the way it walks the variety's tightrope between aggressive and resigned. It's dry, crisp and lively in the mouth, with good flavours of green pear, gooseberries, green apple and lemon peel.

Fattoria Il Palagio 2011 Vernaccia di San Gimignano (\$13.95, code 214544). Sipping a glass of Vernaccia in one of the many piazzas in San Gimignano ("the Manhattan of the middle ages") is truly memorable. This is the local "house wine" of the town. It's crisp and racy with fine acidity. In terms of taste, I get oranges, grapefruit and blanched almonds.

Henry of Pelham 2010 Estate Riesling (\$17.95, code 557165). I've always liked Pelham's approach to Niagara Riesling, emphasizing ripe fruit and balance in the wine. This one is fresh and has a charming edge of natural sweetness to it, playing against a vibrant backbone of juicy citrus acidity. Look for apple, peach and lime flavours.

D'Arenberg 2011 The Olive Grove Chardonnay (\$18.95, code 702845). Boisterous is a word that often pops to mind with d'Arenberg wines from Australia (in this case, McLaren Vale). This one is quite luscious and fruit forward, with a buttery, toasty veneer and ripe flavours of pineapple, golden pears, cantaloupe and star fruit.

Gray Monk 2011 Gewurztraminer (\$19.95, code 321588). The winery is one of the earliest and most respected in the Okanagan valley, and Gewurztraminer has long been a signature grape for them. The style here is dry, but the nature of Gewurz always makes it seem fruitier than it is. Look for flavours of cracked pepper, cloves, grapefruit, lychee nut and roasted apples.

Turning to the red wines:

Odoardi 2006 Savuto (\$13.95, code 303057). A very eclectic offering from Calabria that represents outstanding

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