

WINE LIST

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Press Democrat wine writer Peg Melnik scopes out restaurant wine lists around the North Bay, looking for good value and the occasional splurge. This week's picks (prices are retail; restaurant markup varies):

Kenwood Vineyards, 2011 Jack London Zinfandel, 14.5 percent alcohol, \$25. A snappy zin with layered flavors of raspberry, toast and pepper. Firm tannins. Nice length.

J, NV Brut Rosé, 12.5 percent, \$38. This is a tasty rosé, with a lot going on. Aromas and flavors of strawberry, tangerine and brioche. Crisp acidity. Striking.

DeLoach, 2011 OFS Russian River Valley Pinot Noir, 14.5 percent, \$40. A pinot with bright and lively aromas and flavors of cranberry, pomegranate, herbs and white pepper. Great minerality. Lovely.

Merry Edwards, 2012 Olivet Lane Pinot Noir, 14.0 percent, \$62. A gorgeous pinot with depth. Complex, with layers of cassis, boysenberry and rose petals. Seamless texture. Impressive.

Laurel Glen Vineyard, 2011 Sonoma Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon, 13.9 percent, \$65. Notes of berry fruit, herbs and cracked black pepper. Great structure that manages to have a seamless texture. Worth the splurge.

Want to share a current wine on your favorite restaurant's list? E-mail peg.melnik@pressdemocrat.com or check out her [Tasting Room blog at pressdemocrat.com](#).

