



WINE BUY OF THE WEEK

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This week's buy: Lockwood
Vineyard Sauvignon Blanc
Monterey County 2010.

Lockwood Vineyard began releasing wines in 1989, after cultivating vines for eight years at the base of the Santa Lucia mountain range in California's Monterey County. The county has become one of the state's most thriving wine regions as a result of its location between Monterey Bay and mountain ranges.

Most of Lockwood's 1,850 acres are planted with chardonnay, merlot, cabernet sauvignon, pinot noir and sauvignon blanc, with several other varietals grown in smaller quantities.

The winery's 2010 sauvignon blanc is bright gold, with stone fruit, tropical notes and lightly herbaceous scents on the nose. The big, round flavors are clean and austere, in the best sense, with good acidity. The wine has a distinctive style in a crowded field. Sip it or serve with food. (The 2011 vintage is also available.)

Price: \$14.99.

Where we found it: Dave's Market in Cleveland Heights.

Pairings: Fish, poultry, soups and assorted cheeses.

Each week, Donald Rosenberg highlights a moderately priced wine worth trying. Listed retail prices are based on state of Ohio minimums.

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