

# *Refectory Sommelier*

# Wine Buying Guide

*2020*



*Greetings,*

We are excited to present these new dimensions to The Refectory's ever-evolving suite of services.

## “Concierge” Sommelier Service

Whether feasting in our Dining Room, having a casual glass at the bar, or planning a gathering of friends, our Sommelier Chris Dillman is here to help. He'll apply his knowledge and years of experience to creating a wine experience that's custom-tailored to your occasion.

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## The Refectory Grapevine

To receive first notice of wine and spirit events or rare and allocated wines.

Contact me to sign up [kamal@refectory.com](mailto:kamal@refectory.com)

## Private Events

Planning a wine event, corporate outing, special dinner, or reception in your home? We are at your service to create a memorable experience for both you and your guests.

Contact David Cotter - [david@refectory.com](mailto:david@refectory.com)

## Saturday Samplings

Sample five or six wines and enjoy artisan breads and cheese in the Refectory Lounge.

Every Saturday, from noon to 3PM.

No reservations needed.

## The Refectory Wine Shop

Looking for great values, special buys, or exclusives wines for home?

Contact Silvia Silver [silvia@refectory.com](mailto:silvia@refectory.com)

*It is our sincere privilege to serve you,*

*Kamal*



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## Chris Dillman

Columbus' very own Chris Dillman has twice won Top Sommelier honors in the mid-west region . Locally, he is simply without peer in his knowledge, palate, his amazing ability to educate others. We are fortunate to have him at The Refectory and you owe it to yourself to pursue these thoughts and recommendations.

Regardless of price, he is available to serve your wine needs at any time.

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# Somm's Must Haves

## Domaine Collin Crémant de Limoux Rosé 17.99

Philippe Collin, a native of Champagne, moved to Limoux in 1980 to establish his own domaine. His Champagne know-how produces elegant sparklers from Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, and Chenin Blanc. The Pinot and Chardonnay give ripe red fruit and mineral character, while Chenin provides both honeyed richness and acidity. The result is a lively and finessed sparkler.

## 2016 E. Guigal Côtes du Rhône Blanc 15.99

Rhône Valley, France. Dominated by Viognier with Roussanne, Marsanne, Clairette, and Bourboulenc. Medium-bodied and plump, with floral, apricot aromas and medium richness on the palate, balanced by just enough citrus zest to provide a bit of an edge.

## 2018 Elk Cove Pinot Gris 17.99

Willamette Valley, Oregon. Sports a nose of Bosc pears, white peach, and apricot with touches of spring blossoms and wet pebbles. Medium-bodied with good concentration of fresh fruit and crisp, refreshing acidity.

## 2018 Jean Manciat Mâcon-Charnay 17.99

Burgundy, France. White peach and lemon scents are given added punch by stony minerality. Juicy wine with bright acidity and spicy oak accents. Finishes with good clarity, salinity, and lift

## 2016 Mount Eden Vineyards Chardonnay 24.99

Edna Valley, California. Year in and year out one of the best Chardonnay values in California. "Soft, pliant and super-expressive. Apricot, chamomile, hazelnut, vanillin, and lightly buttered notes softly contoured in this supple, open-knit Chardonnay."

## 2017 Mendel Malbec 24.99

Mendoza, Argentina. "Bright saturated ruby. Deep, ripe aromas of blackberry, tropical dark chocolate, and licorice, plus a subtle note of spicy oak. Rich, sappy, mouthfilling Malbec with a chocolatey ripeness but also harmonious framing acidity to its dark fruit flavors." 92pts, VM

## 2016 Juliette Avril Châteauneuf-du-Pape 29.99

Rhône Valley, France. 65% Grenache, 25% Syrah and 10% Mourvèdre, aged in foudres and concrete vats. It features fruit-forward notes of black raspberries and cherries, ample weight and a supple, silky, easygoing personality.

## 2016 Fortress Cabernet Sauvignon 19.99

Sonoma, California. A blend of Knight's and Sonoma Valley fruit that way over-delivers. "Forward, supple and fruity, all of which make it an excellent choice for drinking now and over the next few years. Sweet floral notes add nuance to the red berry and plum fruit in this mid-weight, open-knit Cabernet."

## 2016 Elk Cove Pinot Noir 29.99

Willamette Valley, Oregon. Estate bottled and one of the finest values in Oregon. "Expressive red berry preserve, candied rose and baking spice scents show excellent clarity and lift. Fleshy but lively as well. Smoothly blends power and delicacy and finishes very long and spicy."

## 2014 Marietta Cellars Cabernet Sauvignon Armé Was 39.99

Now 24.99

North Coast, California. "The 2014 Cabernet Sauvignon Armé has a deep garnet-purple color and is scented of cassis, and baked blackberries, and black pepper with hints of earth, pencil shavings, mocha. Full-bodied, muscular and concentrated in the mouth, it has firm, chewy tannins and a spicy finish." 90pts, WS



# For The Cellar

2014 Mastroberardino Taurasi *Riserva Radici* 61.99  
"Rich and darkly concentrated expression of Aglianico with a generous bouquet. The wine's aromas are stacked high and tall with dried cherry, prune, Indian spice, tar, tobacco, and campfire ash." Very Limited. 92pts, RP.

2017 Domaine Arlaud Morey St Denis 1er Cru *Les Ruchot* 109.99  
"The most fruit-forward of Cyprien Arlaud's Premier Crus, offering ebullient, juicy wild strawberry, cranberry, and just a hint of maraschino cherries. The mineral-driven palate is medium-bodied with fine tannin and lighter on its feet than the Aux Chesaux, culminating in a vivid, quite tensile finish. Excellent." 92-94pts, VM

2016 Vincent Girardin Pommard 1er Cru *Les Grands Epenots* 103.99  
"Bright, dark red-ruby. Very ripe but brisk aromas and flavors of acidulated raspberry and herbs, plus a hint of roasted oak. Plush, broad, pliant, and sweet. Spreads out horizontally on the back end, finishing with substantial fine-grained tannins, and surprising juiciness. Serious wine." 91-93pts, VM.

2017 Vieux Donjon Chateauneuf-du-Pape 79.99  
"A highly perfumed, expansive bouquet evokes ripe red fruits, garrigue and exotic spices, and a smoky mineral note emerges as the wine opens up. Sweet and broad on the palate, offering juicy raspberry, cherry compote, spicecake, and candied lavender flavors that tighten up slowly on the back half. Conveys both power and finesse and betrays no rough edges." 94pts, VM



# Classic Cabernet

2015 Mayacamas Cabernet Sauvignon 129.99  
Mt Veeder, Napa Valley. "Youthfully compact, with tightly wound black currant, bitter plum and dark blueberry notes, this needs time to meld with the charcoal, bay leaf, and tar streaks, but the mouthwatering cut on the finish suggests that won't be a problem. Offers a long echo of juniper at the end." 96 Points WS, #2 Wine of 2019.

2015 Flora Springs Trilogy 79.99  
"A blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Malbec, and Petit Verdot, the deep garnet-purple 2015 Cabernet Sauvignon Trilogy offers up aromas of cassis, blackberries, and black cherries with hints of vanilla, chocolate and baking spices. Full-bodied, concentrated, expressive and open for business, it's spicy and velvety in the mouth with a long finish." 93pts, WS

2013 Robert Sinskey Cabernet Sauvignon SLD 139.99  
"Stag's Leap District, Napa Valley. Fruit-forward aromas of cassis, blueberry and blackberry form the first impression, earthy tones expand as the wine opens with forest floor, olive, bay leaf, and thyme chiming in. A sip reveals the brooding character of hillside Cabernet Sauvignon balanced by a lively suppleness bestowed by Napa Valley sunshine with fresh, ripe black plum, currant, and black cherry that evolve into mocha, cigar box and rosemary with a sleek graphite backbone."

2016 Château Montelena Cabernet Sauvignon 64.99  
Napa Valley. "A very pretty wine. Floral, lithe and understated, the 2016 is a wine of grace above all else. Sweet red cherry, mint, licorice, sweet tobacco, and cedar open up in a fragrant, classically built Cabernet that is long on class and character. This is a seriously beautiful Cabernet in its peer group." 94pts, VM

2015 Quilceda Creek Cabernet Sauvignon 199.99  
"A powerful wine that bears the stamp of the vintage, the 2015 Cabernet Sauvignon offers up aromas of minty crème de cassis, blackberries, dark chocolate, and spice, framed by a lavish application of toasty new oak. On the palate, the wine is full-bodied, ample and heady, with a generous core of ripe, liqueur-like fruit, a fine-grained chassis of tannins and a long, heavily oak-inflected finish." 96pts, RP



# Producer Spotlight

## R. Lopez de Heredia

After a long absence, the wines of Lopez de Heredia are again available in Ohio. One of the most venerable producers in Spain, Lopez produces traditional, age-worthy Rioja. Their wines are still made the way they were when the winery was founded 130 years ago: fermentation in large oak vats, aging in American oak barrels, and bottling only when the wines are ready. Their commitment to extended aging means the wines are rarely released until 5 to 10 years after harvest.

Their legendary Crianzas, Reservas, and Gran Reservas are made exclusively from estate bottled fruit from their four vineyards: Tondonia, Cubillo, Bosconia, and Zaconia, with the idea that the only way to get the best fruit is to care for the vines themselves.

Lopez de Heredia's wines are "distinguished, individual, long-lived and above all, delicious...the apotheosis of traditional, classic wines: taut, fresh, bucolic, utterly charming and amazingly long-lived."

Vinous Media's Neal Martin

*R. Lopez de Heredia*  
**VIÑA TONDONIA**



- 2010 Viña Cubillo Crianza 32.99  
"The 2010 Viña Cubillo Tinto Crianza is superb and shows great depth and nuance, with great freshness, and the red cherries are complemented by notes of blood oranges, nutmeg, and other spices. It has a soft and harmonious palate, with great balance and very good freshness." 93pts, WA
- 2007 Viña Bosconia Reserva 44.99  
"Loamy earth and mushroom notes frame dried cherry, cedar, licorice, and clove flavors in this silky red. Balsamic acidity is bright and racy, while light tannins keep this grounded. Expressive." 93pts, WA
- 2007 Viña Tondonia Reserva 59.99  
"The red 2007 Viña Tondonia Reserva is showing great, revealing unusual finesse and elegance. The nose is a little reticent but nuanced and complex, a little shy rather than explosive. The palate is medium-bodied, and the tannins are very refined. This has to be one of the finest vintages of Viña Tondonia Reserva of recent years." 96pts, WA
- 2006 Viña Tondonia Reserva 129.99 (Magnum)  
"Vivid red. Highly perfumed scents of ripe red currant, cherry liqueur, pipe tobacco, leather and rose oil, along with a hint of coconut in the background. Juicy and precise on the palate, offering deep-pitched red fruit preserve, spice cake and floral pastille flavors and a hint of mocha. The silky, sweet, impressively long finish features excellent clarity and lingering spice and smoke nuances." 95pts WA

# Sommelier's Secret Stash

## 2015 Eyrie Vineyards Chardonnay Original Vines 64.99

Willamette Valley, Oregon. In 1965, David Lett planted the Willamette Valley's first Chardonnay vines with cuttings from Napa Valley's famous Draper Ranch. Lett's original vines have survived and today represent some of the last survivors of the "Draper Field Selection". Each year Eyrie vinifies and ages the fruit of these "Original Vines" separately. The resulting wine is one of the world's unique expressions of Chardonnay. "Highly pungent, expansive aromas of orange pith, iodine, jasmine and sweet butter acquire a smoky mineral nuance in the glass. Deeply concentrated and sharply focused as well, offering ripe citrus and orchard fruit flavors with a refreshingly bitter edge and an echo of minerality."

## 2018 Château Pradeaux Bandol Rosé 34.99

Provence, France. Although most Rosés are meant to be drunk within their first year, the best benefit from (and sometimes even demand) time in bottle to show their best. This Mourvedre-heavy Rosé from Château Pradeaux has been in bottle for a year now and is finally hitting its stride. "Potent, mineral-accented orange, red currant, and white peach aromas are complemented by suggestions of succulent herbs and lavender pastille. Sappy, penetrating and energetic, offering fresh red berry, citrus fruit, and floral flavors; a spine of juicy acidity adds back-end lift. Smoothly plays power off delicacy and finishes minerally and long, with an echo of floral pastilles."



## 2015 Tomasso Bussola Valpolicella Superiore Ripasso Ca' del Laito 26.99

Veneto, Italy. The Veneto's Valpolicella produces some Italy's best and worst wines. They range from from everyday to otherworldly... sickening to sublime. Tomasso Bussola is amongst the top producers in the region and his attention to detail shows in the wines. "Ripe aromas of blueberry, sweet spices, balsamic vinegar, and cocoa offer unusual depth and complexity. Very fresh, smooth, and dense on entry, then rich in the middle, with a very ripe black cherry flavor. Finishes impressively long."

## 2016 Descendientes de J. Palacios Bierzo Villa de Corullon 52.99

Although grown throughout central Portugal, the Mencia grape makes its finest wines around the town of Villafranca del Bierzo in northwestern Spain. From these south facing slate slopes come wines that marry the finesse and perfume of Pinot Noir with structure and minerality of Syrah. "A very clean nose, elegant, insinuating, ethereal, perfumed, and subtle, without a trace of excess in any direction. It took time to unfurl its notes of violets, wild herbs, and spices. The palate had terrific balance, very refined tannins, and subtle, integrated acidity with subdued minerality and a long, dry, and almost salty finish. This has to be among the best years for Corullón." +95pts, WA

