



# The Wine and Cheese Cask

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## April 18, 2023 – May 14, 2023

### Ready for Rosé

We're finally certain that the weather has turned into rosé season. This month we have delightfully affordable Italian, Spanish, and French rosés to enjoy over long lunches and sunsets all season long.

#### La Kiuva



**Rosé de Vallée (La Kiuva)**  
Sale Price \$16.99 – \$173.30 case of twelve

You may remember the Rouge de Vallée from La Kiuva in Italy's alpine Aosta Valley. The small cooperative also produces this unique rosé from Nebbiolo, Gros Vien, and Neyret. This delightfully tangy rosé has Nebbiolo's delicate rose petal aromas, crunchy red cherry fruit, and a savory, herbal finish. Have with creamy polenta and asparagus.

#### Fondrèche

**2022 Ventoux Rosé (Domaine de Fondrèche)**  
Sale Price \$19.99 – \$203.90 case of twelve

This has become one of our favorite Southern French rosés. Fondrèche's vines are located on Mont Ventoux and are farmed biodynamically. This is a gorgeous rosé with lovely herbal flavor accented by strawberry fruit. A perfect match for a seared tuna steak and a bean salad.



#### Zorzal

**2022 Navarra Rosado (Zorzal)**  
Sale Price \$11.99 – \$122.30 case of twelve



Zorzal's rosado is ideal for those who enjoy a darker, fuller pink wine. Their 2022 Garnacha is deep and peppery with a rich palate of plum and berry fruit. Perfect for a spring paella with artichoke and fava.



#### Savoie

**2022 Savoie Rosé (Viallet)**  
Sale Price \$13.99 – \$142.70 case of twelve

Viallet's Savoyard wines are incredible values. Their rosé is a delightful Gamay grown at high altitude. This has violet aromas plus raspberry fruit. Wonderful with a meal of charcuterie and cheese.

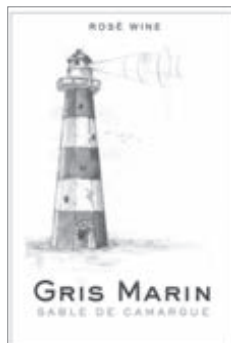
#### The Color of Chiaretto

**2022 Chiaretto di Bardolino (Gorgo)**  
Sale Price \$11.99 – \$122.30 case of twelve

"Bright pink peach blossom" is how the folks at Gorgo describe the color of their Chiaretto. We're certain this is true both when looking west over Lake Garda or from a terrace over Union Square. Gorgo's 2022 is a charmer with minerally crispness and zesty fruit. Great with seafood scampi.



#### The Beach in a Bag



**2022 Sable de Camargue (Gris Marin)**  
Sale Price \$31.99 per 3 Liter – \$121.57 case of four

Our favorite Bag in Box rosé is back. Gris Marin is Grenache and Carignan harvested from vines in the sandy soils of the Camargue in the Rhône delta. This great value will stay fresh for up to three weeks.

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## Chianti Classico

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### 2019 Chianti Classico (Lecci e Brocchi)

Sale Price \$24.99 – \$254.90 case of twelve



The quality of Chianti Classico has never been higher. Estates like Lecci e Brocchi have harnessed a series of warm and dry vintages to create deep, full-flavored Sangiovese. This 2019 is aromatically delightful with bay leaf and cherries. The palate is textured with plummy fruit and ripe tannins. After being open for an hour or two it mellows into an elegant red with layers of flavor. Great with a grilled rib eye.

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## Blaufränkisch

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### 2021 Blaufränkisch 'Heideboden' (Paul Achs)

Sale Price \$24.99 – \$254.90 case of twelve

Paul Achs returned home to Austria's Burgenland after spending time in California and transformed his family's estate from white wine production into red. After experimenting and succeeding with international varieties, he focused back on Blaufränkisch, the local red. Along the way the winery became organic, then biodynamic, and helped form a group of growers with similar practices called Respekt.



We were fortunate to try some of Achs' latest releases and this wine charmed us. The 2021 Heideboden Blaufränkisch is packed with ripe berry fruit, earthy minerals, and a lively lingering finish. It's not heavy, but it has a fine balance for a seared rare salmon paired with lentils and spinach.

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## Rkatsiteli

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### 2021 Rkatsiteli (Marnaveli)

Sale Price \$11.99 – \$122.30 case of twelve

Meanwhile back in Georgia, we have again mined the Marnaveli winery for another terrific wine. Their Saperavi is a gorgeously fruity red, and now we have their fresh and lively white Rkatsiteli. This has a full complement of orchard fruits but remains crisp and dry. Try this with a chicken stew

with herbs and sautéed buttery cabbage.

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## Old Piney

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### 2019 Saint Émilion Grand Cru (Château Piney)

Sale Price \$23.99 – \$244.70 case of twelve



Bordeaux still has some pockets of high-quality value wines. The Union de Producteurs de Saint-Émilion is a great source. At the top of their portfolio is the Grand Cru Château Piney, whose 2019 is superb. This Merlot-dominant red blend is silky smooth with dark fruits and ripe, spicy tannins. Wonderful with lamb and blue-veined cheeses.

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## Grüner

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### 2020 Grüner Veltliner 'Ried Weitgasse' (Mantlerhof)

Sale Price \$17.99 – \$183.50 case of twelve

Our introduction to Mantlerhof was a Liter bottle that was an easy-going great value. Little did we know there was another level of quality at a still affordable price. Their Kremstal winery is just a stone's throw from the famed Wachau, and their Ried Weitgasse has the hallmarks of Wachau Grüner Veltliner's intense minerality and spicy fruit, without the higher price. And they are also organic and biodynamic. This is a lean and long dry white that is a great match with haddock drizzled with butter and herbs.



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## Wine Cask Discount Policy

These are our EVERYDAY discounts:

15% off of a whole case.

10% off of a mixed case.

Wines of the Month (four on last page), sparkling and fortified wines (Port, Sherry and Vermouth) receive a maximum 10% discount.

Above discounts apply to all wines in the store except 1.5L and 3L sizes, and are reflected in the case prices listed in the newsletter.

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## Reuilly

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**2020 Reuilly Rouge (Domaine de La Pagerie)**  
**Sale Price \$19.99 – \$203.90 case of twelve**



Located southwest of Sancerre, Reuilly has been a region that can be counted on to offer Sauvignon Blancs stylistically similar to those of Sancerre but at a much better price. Likewise, the lithe Pinot Noirs of Reuilly provide an affordable alternative to the Pinot Noirs of Burgundy. This 2020 from the Pointereau family is a balanced, light-bodied Pinot Noir with a refreshing low

alcohol of 12.8%. Cherries fill the nose but raspberries with an underbrush of spice fill the mouth. Perfect for a charcuterie board that includes a well-marbled coppa or saucisson sec.

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## Xynisteri

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**2021 Xynisteri ‘Aerides’ (Makarounas)**  
**Sale Price \$19.99 – \$203.90 case of twelve**

Who knew we’d be back in Cyprus, but this Xynisteri from Makarounas charmed us. Interestingly, the phylloxera louse never made it to Cyprus, so this wine is made from un-grafted old rootstock planted in a vineyard predominantly composed of pink gypsum along with limestone and clay. This creates a fully aromatic white with lime and shiso plus pear and apricot fruit.



Try this with grilled swordfish with an olive tapenade.

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## Specialty Foods

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### *American Farmstead Cheeses*

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**Hermit – \$29.99 per lb**

*Parish Hill Creamery – Putney, VT*

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This rustic tomme-style cheese from Parish Hill beautifully highlights the complex and spicy qualities of raw milk. The rich flavors of damp grass and fresh cream are evocative of springtime on the farm, and are a beautiful expression of New England terroir.

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**West-West Blue – \$29.99 per lb**

*Parish Hill Creamery – Putney, VT*

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Like all cheeses from Parish Hill, West-West Blue is made from the farm’s single herd of grass-fed cows and biologically unique cultures developed on-site. This creates a one-of-a-kind cheese with a mildly sweet blue mold that won’t be found in any other aging room.

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**Ameribella – \$29.99 per lb**

*Jacobs and Brichford – Connersville, IN*

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Ameribella is a raw milk, washed rind cheese inspired by cheeses of northern Italy (such as Taleggio) and features a striking golden-colored buttery paste. The incredible color and zesty, complex flavor are the result of the native grasses and wildflowers on which their single herd of cows grazes.

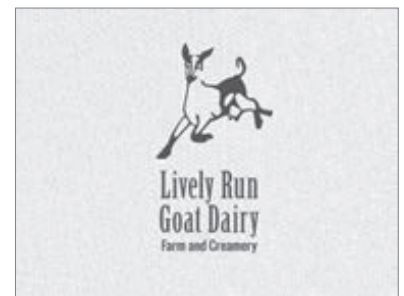
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**Cayuga Blue – \$29.99 per lb**

*Lively Run Dairy – Interlaken, NY*

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Cayuga Blue is a true celebration of goat’s milk and the flavors of the farm. The paste has barnyard flavors tempered by a sharp blue mold and a pleasantly sweet, creamy finish. The range of strong flavors are kept in balance making this a great cheese for those looking to expand their comfort zone.



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## Wines of the Month — April 18, 2023 through May 14, 2023

### 2021 Coteaux de Béziers Rouge (Domaine Preignes Le Vieux)

Sale Price \$9.99 – \$107.89 case of twelve

Preignes Le Vieux produces a lovely Bordeaux blend from the area around Béziers in the Languedoc. Their 2021 is earthy and dry, ready to drink with eggplant parmesan.

### 2022 Pays d’Oc Rosé (Le Petit Balthazar)

Sale Price \$8.99 – \$97.09 case of twelve

This Cinsault is once again a crisp and delightful light pink that will be a fine match with all things spring, especially a platter of asparagus.

### 2021 Montepulciano d’Abruzzo (Gran Sasso)

Sale Price \$8.99 – \$97.09 case of twelve

The Gran Sasso is back. This full-flavored Montepulciano will make an excellent partner with pizza, pasta, and grilled meats.

### 2021 Vinho Verde ‘Monção e Melgaço’ (Muralhas de Monção)

Sale Price \$7.99 – \$86.29 case of twelve

Vintage after vintage, this is a delicious value dry white wine from Northern Portugal. The Muralhas Vinho Verde is a blend of Alvarinho and Trajadura. If this came from over the Minho River in Galicia it would sell for 50% more. A lovely seafood white.

