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Pacific Northwest

The Willamette River

The Willamette River flows north through some of the most fertile and abundant land in the Pacific Northwest. So rich is the land around the Willamette that two-thirds of all Oregonians live within the confines of its valley. Rushing through the Oregon Coast range on one side and the Cascades on the other, the Willamette plummets abruptly straight down the height of a four-story building when it reaches Oregon City. Its average flow is nearly a quarter of a million gallons a second – for the U.S., that's a volume of water second only to Niagara Falls.

2017 Elk Cove Estate Pinot Blanc

Family farmed for over four decades, Elk Cove is named for the many elk herds that roam nearby.

In 2018, Wine Enthusiast's tasting panel reviewed more than 24,000 wines from around the globe, exploring a multitude of regions, styles and price points. The Elk Cove Estate Pinot Blanc was ranked #5 on their Designated Top 100 Wines of 2018.

Elk Cove's Pinot Blanc is farmed on three different sites representing diverse soils, elevations and microclimates well-suited to growing this aromatic white wine.



Elk Cove Winery, Oregon

Tasting Notes:

A brisk Pinot Blanc, this leads with tart lemon notes and a pronounced whiff of minerals, as if chalk dust were rising from the glass.

PLCB 77600 \$18.99 13% ABV

2016 Chateau Ste Michelle Chardonnay

Chateau Ste. Michelle is Washington State's oldest winery, located in Woodinville, Washington, near Seattle. It produces Chardonnay, Cabernet, Merlot, and Riesling,



Chateau Ste Michelle

Pairing Notes:

Pair this Chardonnay with Potato & Leek Gratin, a Barley Risotto with mushrooms and gremolata, or a gorgonzola pasta.

Winemaker's Notes:

"...bright apple and sweet citrus fruit character with subtle spice and oak nuances. We blend Chardonnay grapes from vineyards throughout Washington's Columbia Valley to make this a complex, interesting wine."

PLCB 6813 @ \$12.99 13.5% ABV

2015 A to Z Wineworks Pinot Noir

"Beautifully balanced, aromatic and delicious, this wine makes food sing and sometimes your guests, too!"

A true expression of Oregon Pinot Noir: racy, with bright red fruit and fine tannins in harmony.

Considered an excellent everyday wine that pairs well with fuller bodied seafood like Salmon, Halibut, Trout, grilled meats from chicken to venison, root vegetables and mushrooms, especially mushrooms, grilled duck, and braised meats and stews.

Tasting Notes:

Striking aromas of black cherries, blackberries, blueberries and raspberries are overlaid with a cornucopia of spices. As the wine opens, aromas expand to include pipe tobacco, fennel and red currants. As the wine moves across the palate, ripe, dusty tannins bracketed by juicy acidity give shape and definition to the powerful fruit flavors in harmony with a mineral quality, reminiscent of slate and graphite.

PLCB 5328 @ \$18.99 14% ABV

2013 Chateau Ste Michelle Merlot



Merlot Grapes

Merlot is a dark blue-colored wine grape variety used as both a blending grape and for varietal wines. The name Merlot is thought to be a diminutive of merle, the French name for the blackbird, probably a reference to the color of the grape. Merlot is a popular grape for blending with Cabernet Sauvignon which is higher in tannin and ripens later than Merlot.

Tasting Notes:

Aromas of black cherry, leather and spice with layers of rich dark red fruit flavors.

PLCB 74777 @ \$18.99 14.50% ABV