

# Wine Tasting – September 11,2021

## Warmup Wines

### Nuevo Mundo, Maipo Valley

**Carmenere 2019 \$8.99** Solid, good value carmenere. Raspberry, sour cherry, and plum. Some cigar and cream, almost like a pie crust. Fairly well-balanced body, not overly light or overly intense. Made with organic grapes.

### Fontana Candida

**Frascati 2020 \$9.99** Frascati is a **white wine** which is arguably the most famous (of either color) produced anywhere in the Lazio region. It has a heritage dating back many centuries, and its appellation was established in 1966. The wine takes its name from a tiny, ancient town in the hills just southeast of Rome.

Frascati has a delicate bouquet of wildflowers and fruit. Its characteristic taste **is fresh and distinctive, with just a hint of almond.**

Frascati is like **pinot grigio** in that it is typically made in a dry, unoaked style from grapes harvested when they are barely ripe and is designed to be drunk young and fresh.

**Greco, Bombino, Trebbiano Giallo, Grechetto, Bellone**, complete the principal grapes of Frascati wines and, with their varying percentages according to the area they are grown and their inclusion in the wines, they give a splendid variety of products.

### Dashwood

**Sauvignon Blanc 2020 \$9.99 Costco** Passion-fruit, ripe-peach and lime-curd aromas with plenty of energy, leading to a palate that is packed with bright and zesty tropical-fruit flavors. Refreshing and drinkable.

The grape originates from Bordeaux, where it is also known as Pouilly-Fumé, Sancerre, and Graves, and is one of the world's most widely planted grapes. The flower on their label honors New Zealand's beloved *pohutukawa*, a Maori word meaning 'drenched with mist.'

## REDS

### Hahn SLH (Santa Lucia Highlands)

**Pinot Noir 2019 \$19.99** Concentrated dark fruit and berry flavors are backed by medium-grained tannins and fresh acidity, with loamy and mineral accents on the ripe finish.

## **Cs Substance 2019 Columbia Valley, Washington**

*Cabernet Sauvignon \$12.99* From a cooler, more difficult vintage that saw plenty of frost events, the 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon Cs is going to be another beautiful wine as well as a great value, offering cool cassis and blue fruits as well as lots of leafy herb and violet notes. Medium-bodied, nicely textured, and elegant.

## **L'Ecole NO 41 Frenchtown" Columbia Valley**

*Merlot \$27.50* This serious and structured Merlot reveals intriguing aromatics of dark fruit, tobacco leaf, cedar, violet, and rose. Its rich texture is elevated by flavors of black cherry, peppercorn, grounded by Ferguson's graphite minerality carrying into a flavorful persistent finish.

L'cole N° 41 is a third-generation family-owned, artisan winery located in the historic Frenchtown School. Founded in 1983, they were the third winery established in the Walla Walla Valley. They have become one of the most prominent and visible Walla Walla Valley wineries with national and international distribution.

## **WHITES**

### **Te Awanga Wildsong Hawkes Bay 2019**

Hawes Bay is on the east coast of the northern island

*Sauvignon Blanc \$12.99* This highly enjoyable Sauvignon Blanc is filled with nectarine, grapefruit and rock melon characters with an elegant lime zest lift. The palate is generous and flavorsome with excellent fruit intensity, beautifully structured by juicy acidity. It is long and attractive on the finish.

### **Ch Substance 2019 Columbia Valley, Washington**

*Chardonnay \$18.00* A straightforward, fruity chardonnay with sliced ripe apple and some vanilla character. It's medium-bodied with a firm texture and a pleasing, juicy and flavorful finish. Hint of toasty character. Barrel-fermented with native yeasts. Drink now.

### **D'Arenberg McLaren Vale. Australia**

*The Hermit Crab Viognier Marsanne 12.99* A lovely, perfumed orange and citrus blossom bouquet with green papaya, pineapple, and grapefruit notes. The palate is exotic with ginger flower spices thanks to the Viognier, and Marsanne brings an almond component. Refreshing style.