

WINE TASTING

...the possible wine bible???

include pictures where you can, rating, dates, and all possible notes

REDS



BELHARA MALBEC ARGENTINA 2021 VALLE DE UCO

[TRADER JOE'S](#) ARGENTINA \$7.99/750mL

- subtle smell, almost woody
- all bark no bite
- very fruity going down (tony and andy both said it was weird going down, tony said it finished sour, andy said it finished well)
- pairs better with cheese than nuts
- fermented in oak barrels for 18 months

4/10



LES PORTES DE BORDEAUX GRAND VIN DE BORDEAUX 2023 FRANCE

TRADER JOES FRANCE \$6.99

- all bark no bite
- starts strong, finishes smooth
- no bite
- strong alcohol smell; does not taste like it smells
- dry, acidic, rounded
- stone fruit, blackberry, peppery

7.6/10



CHEV PINOT NOIR 2019 RUSSIAN RIVER

\$98 CALIFORNIA

- better with time
- leaves mouth very dry
- good flavor no aftertaste
- full bodied
- chuche's favorite ever
- "CHEV is a new Russian River Valley Pinot Noir from Michael Browne's Cirq label. The Chev 2018 Pinot Noir Russian River Valley has layers of black cherry, dark plum and lightly candied apple. A mouth-watering red-velvety texture, with lively acidity, a

combination of soft and grippy tannins and a full mouth finish, centered on the mid-palate.”

8.3/10

PHIL 4:13 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

marcus' uncle's wine he grows in his backyard near plum trees

- smells very jammy, strong
- never had a cab sauv similar, more similar to a rose
- fermented plum, light body with hint of pepper
- only hits the center of the tongue
- safe choice, gets better with age (tasted best on day 4)

6.5/10



TRANSIT 2 RED SCHOONER

\$50 AUSTRALIA

- most dry wine ever, took all the moisture out of my mouth, skin, and entire body
- bottled at caymus, we like caymus
- it tastes the way it looks? the bottle gives like olden days prison wine and that's exactly what it tastes like to me

4/10



MAISON BARBOULOT CABERNET SYRAH

[TRADER JOE'S](#) FRANCE \$5.99

- one of my favorite reds ever
- very smooth
- not too alcoholly, no burn
- TRY AGAIN

8/10



LA FRENZ MALBEC 2020

[LA FRENZ WINERY](#), okanagan \$32

- so amazing once you decant and let it open up for 10+ minutes
- such an easy drink: smooth, not FULL bodied but full
- amazing aroma



CHIANTI GABBIANO CAVALIERE D'ORO

TUSCANY \$7

- left my mouth dry
- mid



CHIANTI CLASSICO BASILICA CAFAGGIO VENDEMMIA 2020

COSTCO/TUSCANY \$22

- AMAZING
- very smooth, no aftertaste
- dry yet flavorful
- docg label well deserved

WHITES



VILLA MOLINO SOAVE CLASSICO 2022

TRADER JOE'S

- bright, crispy, and citrusy; apple
- very light, tamed... underwhelming
- loses flavor after second sip
- would chose something else given the option

5.25/10



ROCHIOLI SAUVIGNON BLANC RUSSIAN RIVER 2023

\$58

- not acidic, dry, fruity
- "party in a glass" chuche
- does not smell the way it tastes
- safe choice
- "This wine is a blend of three vineyard sites including Rochioli's rare and special clone of Old Vine Sauvignon Blanc. With aromas of passion fruit, melon, and citrus tones this is a light and sophisticated Sauvignon Blanc. Sixty four percent is from the original Sauvignon Blanc vineyard planted in 1959, twenty three percent is from our rare clone 376 and thirteen percent is from our 36-year-old hillside vineyard. This wine is stainless tank fermented at a cool temperature to preserve its intense varietal character and firm acidity."

7.7/10



VIN DE BORDEAUX 2023 SAUVIGNON DE SEGUIN

TRADER JOE'S

- dry, non sweet, crispy
- mild, almost straight up grape juice
- non aromatic, non flavorful
- very light
- fermented in stainless steel

- “Very nice bright and limpid colour with green hints. A powerful nose of citrus, passion fruits, and white flowers. In the mouth, a wonderful taste with very good freshness and acidity, and a long typical after-taste of Sauvignon aromas.”

5.5/10



TEADERMAN SAUVIGNON BLANC 2021

\$32 [TEADERMAN VINEYARDS](#)

- started dry, ended on sweeter note
- memorable

7/10



FERRARI CARANO PINOT GRIGIO FRIULI, ITALY 2023

\$25

- nothing that stood out
- good safe choice
- “Delicate peach, apricot and Meyer lemon open on the nose, accented with intriguing floral hints. On the palate, notes of vanilla, smoke and honey from aging in French oak balance the bright fruit and carry over a long, creamy finish....After gentle hand harvest, we press the Sauvignon Blanc grapes as whole clusters in our membrane press. We then allow them to cold settle in a stainless steel tank, where fermentation begins. When the wine reaches 16°Brix, we transfer it into barrels (20% new French oak) to finish fermenting. The wine ages on its yeast lees for nine months with batonage (hand stirring) during the first four months to re-suspend the lees and encourage a creamy texture.”

6/10



EDNA VALLEY PINOT GRIGIO 2023

[EDNA VALLEY](#) CALIFORNIA \$15

- stay far away, it's not bad just boring
- good blend of fruits (apple, pear, lemon)
- underwhelming flavor profile



CLOS DU BOIS PINOT GRIGIO 2023

[CLOS DU BOIS](#) CALIFORNIA \$10

- good blend of fruits (white peach, lemon, pink grapefruit, and lime zest)
- very smooth and flavorful



MYBURGH BROS CHENIN BLANC 2023

\$11.95 SOUTH AFRICA

- beautiful
- fine wine is wine worth tasting... this is worth tasting
- very smooth
- TRY AGAIN
- [good descriptions about it](#)



CONUNDRUM WHITE 2022

[CONUNDRUM WINES](#) CALIFORNIA \$15

- known and loved
- not too heavy, not a crazy flavor profile
- not an in between wine, it's intentional



DUCKHORN SAUVIGNON BLANC

[DUCKHORN VINEYARDS](#), CALIFORNIA \$32

- really fruity and crispy
- underwhelming
- stainless steel AND oaked
- grapes were harvested late due to rain



STAGS' LEAP SAUVIGNON BLANC

[STAGS' LEAP WINERY](#) CALIFORNIA \$35

- nani and mom enjoyed
- strange, bitter finish
- fruity with beer like aroma
- strange but good
- apparently has notes of brioche??



BREAD AND BUTTER SAUVIGNON BLANC

CALIFORNIA \$14

- went down like butter, might be one of my fav sauv blancs
- TRY AGAIN



SUMAC RIDGE ESTATE PRIVATE RESERVE GEWURZTRAMINER

BRITISH COLUMBIA \$10

- better than most other rieslings i've tried before

- not too dry
- comparable to wooden's riesling in suisun
- good flavor profile, no funky aftertaste



ACROBAT PINOT GRIS 2023

OREGON \$14

- floral, sweet aroma
- went down amazingly
- touch of a dry aftertaste
- perfect for a hot day: sweet, smooth, floral, and crispy



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SPARKLING



CHANDON GARDEN SPRITZ

[CHANDON](#) ARGENTINA \$34

- THE best wine ever.. my birthday wine
- perfect mix of citrus and spice
- cardamom forward
- so sparkly and smooth it's like heaven in a glass
- crafted by argentinean chandon

10/10