

# The PICKS

## FEATURE WINE

### Marietta Cellars 2021 Game Trail Cabernet Sauvignon

This week we're featuring the Marietta Cellars 2021 Game Trail Cabernet Sauvignon. It comes to us from the Yorkville Highlands AVA in California's Anderson Valley and is thus named because of all the tracks made by wild game in the area. These grapes are from a rocky hillside higher in elevation that get some of the strong coastal winds of the Pacific, creating a Cab of "extraordinary intensity and clarity" and notes of Mediterranean herbs like sage and thyme. There are only 10 acres of grapes planted in this vineyard, making this \$43.99 bottle pretty special and worth the price. (We also have it available in a 1.5L for \$79.99 if you should be so enticed.) It got an extraordinary 94 points from Robert Parker, who says "The 2021 Game Trail Cabernet Sauvignon is crunchy, refreshing and easy to drink. It's scented of fresh blackcurrants and cherries, plus nuances of garrigue and charcuterie. The full-bodied palate is light on its feet with softly chalky tannins, bursts of mouthwatering acidity and a long, mineral-driven finish." If you want a delicious bottle of red to go with a steak straight off the grill, this is the one.

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### Château d'Estoublon 2023 Roseblood Rosé

Château d'Estoublon 2023 Roseblood Rosé from Provence -- the first 2023 rosé we got in this year, and a very tasty one at that. It is comprised of 65% Grenache, 15% Syrah, 15% Cinsault and 5% Rolle (Vermentino). "Grenache provides the rounded structure along with notes of cherries, raspberries and spice. The Syrah adds a little color and the slight tannins that come along. Cinsault, known for its finesse, provides balance and delicate aromas. Rolle, a white grape, adds a burst of acidity and freshness to the wine, rounding out the package. The Roseblood rose shows more richness and fruit than we normally expect from Provence, with strawberries and white peach melding harmoniously with a concentrated mineral tone that buoys its floral tones. Refreshing and delicious for the warm days ahead, the wine also possesses enough oomph to drink on the cold nights we all know are bound to come back, if only for a week or two!" Château d'Estoublon has been making wine for over 500 years in Provence, but a new owner, Jean-Guillaume Prats of Lafite-Rothschild, and a new winemaker, Victor Joyeaux formerly of Cloudy Bay, are giving it new life. Yeah... they know how to make a good wine. Based on their pedigree, this wine is bargain at \$24.99 and is a perfect start to your rosé season.