

The PICKS

FEATURE WINE

Domaine Joseph Cattin 2023 The Crush Pinot Gris

A unique offering this week, Domaine Joseph Cattin 2023 "The Crush" Pinot Gris from the region of Alsace in France. We love Alsace here. Domaine Joseph Cattin has been a family-owned winery there in the heart of Alsace since 1720, or 11 generations. This wine is 100% Pinot Gris, one of the grapes that Alsace specializes in, that spends 48 hours in whole cluster maceration, skins and seeds and stems and all. This give the grapes some skin contact which tints the color orange and adds more body, more structure, and some tannin. Skin contact does tend to dry out a wine, so there is a touch of sugar in this wine that perfectly balances it out. You'll find notes of peach, pear, and apricot, a full, round fruitiness, and a bright finish. I can't wait to have this with some spicy Asian food, but give it a taste for yourself, \$26.99.

WINE PICK

Dowie Doole 2018 Estate Shiraz

A new bottle from Down Under, the Dowie Doole 2018 Estate Shiraz. This is from the McLaren Vale region of South Australia, near the city of Adelaide, which is highly prized for its Mediterranean climate. It looks to be right down the road from d'Arenberg, which is one of Australia's best... Dowie Doole's Estate Vineyards are in two of McLaren Vale's most prized terroirs: the sandy soils of Blewitt Springs and the ancient rocks of Tatachilla, some of which is as old as 650M years, making it some of the oldest geology anywhere in the world where grapes are grown. Drew Dowie owned one and Norm Doole the other, and they eventually realized their properties were better together and formed Dowie Doole. Juicy plum and smooth vanilla characterize this classic Shiraz, with subtle notes of cherry, spice, and milk chocolate. A rich, full-bodied red for under \$20.