

The PICKS

FEATURE WINE

Anthony Road 2022 Cabernet Franc

This week's feature is one that surprised us a bit... Anthony Road 2022 Cabernet Franc from Seneca Lake in New York, \$22.99 A few years ago, I wouldn't have even considered a Finger Lakes red, but they've come a long way in a short amount of time. If you remember from a few weeks ago when I featured their Riesling, Anthony Road is a family operation. The kids grew up on the vineyard and are now co-owners with their parents, working the vines alongside them. This isn't a full and jammy Cab Franc like some others that we've had; rather this one is lighter, drier, earthier... almost French in style. "Dry, medium-body red with lots of raspberry, pomegranate and cherry balanced by hints of black pepper and dried herbs." I think this is a perfect wine for those in-between fall dishes or around a bonfire on one of these cooler evenings that we've been having. The Finger Lakes have been "up and coming" in the wine world for a while, but this one really does that title justice.

WINE PICK

Tower 15 2020 Red Blend

Another deal to be had this week with the Tower 15 2020 Red Blend from Pali Wine Company, who's been making some of our favorite wines lately. Tower 15 does not have their own vineyards, but rather they purchase grapes from small, family-owned producers up and down California's Central Coast. Grapes are hand-selected and blended together to achieve a very precise desired product. This particular bottle contains 42% Syrah, 33% Cabernet Sauvignon, 17% Zinfandel, and 8% Dornfelder, so you can tell it's going to be a big, bold blend. "Earthy aromas of charred wood... flavors of ripe plums, dried tobacco and lavender play on the palate. Long finish with lingering acidity and warm baking spices." Normally retails at \$30, and we have it at a hefty \$15.99. Only one case left... I wouldn't wait on this one.