

# The PICKS

## FEATURE WINE

### Böen 2023 Reserve Pinot Noir

Last week we tried some new-to-us wines from Böen, and I'm happy to have them in the store for you this week. I'm featuring this bottle because I almost bought it by looks alone... luckily the wine matches the label in quality: Böen 2023 Reserve Pinot Noir. If you like the Böen Tri-App Pinot Noir that we normally keep in the store, you'll love this one at \$39.99. Böen is of course one of Joey Wagner's wines (along with Quilt, Belle Glos, etc.), with this particular bottle receiving 95 points from Wine Enthusiast. It comes to us from the Santa Maria Valley AVA in Santa Barbara County, which is perfectly situated for Pinot Noir grapes, with foggy conditions and a strong Pacific breeze allowing for slow-ripening grapes that are full of elegant acidity and complexity. "On the palate, vibrant flavors of very ripe boysenberry, blueberry, and plum pie are complemented by layers of rosemary and cocoa. These flavors are balanced by firm tannins that carry through to a long, structured, and mouthwatering finish." It's simply a gorgeous wine that would pair with anything, and that any mother who drinks red wine would enjoy receiving this weekend. If you're lucky, she'll let you drink it with her.

## WINE PICK

### Château de Campuget 1753 Rosé

I looked at these and said, well there's a mama bottle and a baby bottle. So how could I pick anything else for this week??? Château de Campuget 1753 Rosé from France, the regular bottle for \$19.99 and the 1.5L for \$39.99. This is a classic Southern France rosé, pale in color and great with salmon, salads, grilled vegetables, poultry, or simply as an aperitif. It consists of 80% Syrah and 20% Vermentino, so it's almost like a blend of France and Italy. Doesn't that sound great? It has bright notes of grapefruit and red berries, with nice acidity and a delicate, dry finish. These glass-topped bottles are great for keeping and reusing, as well. Château de Campuget itself sits on a property that has been producing wine since 1640, so I'd hope they'd have the hang of it by now. The strong Mediterranean sun, the Mistral winds, and the Rhône's rocky soil that forces vines to reach deep for water all come together to create a distinct and special terroir that creates wines like nowhere else.