

The PICKS

FEATURE WINE

Yamhill 2014 Reserve Pinot Noir

“Yamhill Valley Vineyards is the oldest winery in the McMinnville AVA; their first vintage was 1983. They grow, produce and bottle their own grapes at their estate located on 150 acres in the rolling foothills of Oregon’s Coast Range Mountains, one hour southwest of Portland in the Willamette Valley. They grow and make Pinot Noir, Pinot Gris, Pinot Blanc, Chardonnay, and Riesling.” We occasionally had on hand their Estate bottle, and it sold very well, but this week, we were offered a deal I couldn’t say no to... their 2014 Reserve for the unbelievable price of \$29.99. When searching to see if this was in fact a deal price, I saw prices from \$40-60, so when I could buy it for \$29.99, I jumped at the chance. Don’t get me wrong, I’m not suggesting to purchase and cellar this... it is a drink now deal! Thanksgiving is absolutely a great time to share this exquisite Pinot with its soft tannins and “distinctive notes of dark cherry, cigar box, vanilla, light oak on the nose; cherry, clove, cranberry, plum, oak spice on the palate.” I only have a handful of these, with the promise of the next time these guys come through town, they’re bringing me the last case in inventory.

DAN'S PICK

Beaujolais Nouveau 2023

All the 2023 Beaujolais Nouveau!!! All is right... 11 different labels equaling 336 bottles, without counting the 6 Magnums. Did I overdo it? Nah, we sold out of all Nouveau last year within a week. This order, which may be the largest in our history, should in theory last us to Christmas. Beaujolais Nouveau displays itself with a light garnet color giving way to violet reflections. It is an immediate delight on the nose, with aromas of small red fruits, red currant and cranberry. It is refreshing, fruity and supple on the palate, and this vintage is a perfect expression of Beaujolais Nouveau. It is ideal for all occasions, from aperitif to cheese, and pairs with almost anything. This wine has always been on our Thanksgiving table and is one that deserves to be on yours as well. Cheap and cheerful, bright and expressive, it’s a wine that everyone will enjoy. To say we have a few is an understatement, so stop in tonight and try them out to see if you can choose a favorite for your holiday table.