

The PICKS

FEATURE WINE

Calculated Risk 2023 Barrel Selection Cabernet Sauvignon

The feature of the week is a classic Napa Valley Cab, Calculated Risk 2023 Barrel Selection Cabernet Sauvignon, \$39.99. Calculated Risk is a small family-owned operation out in Napa, a father and his two sons. This bottle is 100% responsibly grown Cabernet Sauvignon from St. Helena and Calistoga, aged in French oak. The winemaker says it pretty well himself... "The 2023 barrel selection Cabernet Sauvignon is a bold expression of a vintage many are calling the vintage of a lifetime in Napa Valley. The wine shows a deep ruby hue. the nose is layered and powerful, revealing graphite, mocha, and dense black and blueberry fruit. It's full-bodied yet refined, with a plush, balanced texture. Focused and polished, this wine captures the essence of Napa Valley's Bordeaux-style elegance — where ripe fruit and spice unfold and the finish lingers long after the last sip." If you are a math teacher or are in finance, or you need a gift for someone who is... you obviously need this bottle. And good news, there is a Chardonnay to go with it.

WINE PICK

Storypoint 2020 Pinot Noir

I mentioned a few weeks ago that I got some major deals on some nice wines, and this is one of them: Storypoint 2020 Pinot Noir. "What's a wine without a story? The experience of a wine should tell you something, invite you to discover new things and be surprised. That's the passion and motivation behind Storypoint." Storypoint's winemaker Saman Parsa also has a story. She left her native Iran to study Plant Biology at UC Davis, then went on to do research at Stanford before realizing she wanted to be hands-on with her beloved plants in the field. She now uses her scientific knowledge to create the best wines possible. Storypoint sources grapes from along California's North Coast, then ages in French oak. The end result "reveals concentrated notes of blackberry, dark chocolate covered cherries and finishes with oak driven layers of toffee and espresso." This deal was one and done, so grab it at this special price of \$14.99 while you can.