

The PICKS

FEATURE WINE

One Time Spaceman 2020 Cabernet Sauvignon

The feature this week is a bargain I got for you, One Time Spaceman 2020 Moon River Cabernet Sauvignon, by Treasure Hunter. It's from the western part of Paso Robles, which is apparently home to "some of the densest and most lip-smacking wines on the planet." I don't know how true that is, but I'm willing to try and find out... "Lush and dense with aromas of black cherry, warm strawberry pie, and a Carolina smokehouse explode from the glass. The intensity and decadence of the flavors are defined mostly by baked blackberry, caramel, and spice cake, but the classic black-currant, violet, espresso, and milk chocolate shine brighter than quasar 3C 273 in the constellation of Virgo as well." They are really rolling with that space theme... One Time Spaceman produces what we call cult wines, meaning they're from small plots and are released very rarely. "Made from grapes farmed on highly sustainable vineyard sites in Paso Robles and produced in small lots, each wine is distinctly different and represents an opportunity to try cult wines at addictive pricing." This bottle is priced elsewhere between \$30 and \$40, but I have it for you at a \$24.99.

WINE PICK

Pullus 2022 Pinot Grigio

Pullus 2022 Pinot Grigio is this week's pick. This is a different Pinot Grigio than you've had before... Firstly because it's from Eastern Europe, more specifically Slovenia. Story goes, the town of Ptuj where the winery is located was founded by the Romans in the 1st century CE, and they produced wine. After Rome fell, winemaking in the area ceased until the 13th century when monks from France traveled to the area, established a monastery, and started growing grapes again. Over 800 years of winemaking seems like a pretty decent resumé if you ask me. Secondly, this Pinot Grigio has a small amount of skin contact, giving it a slight orange tint, more body, and a tannic edge. "Aromas of pear, green melon and nectarine lead to an oily palate with depth and complexity. Perfectly ripe grapes deliver a luscious wine that is balanced by bright acidity and inviting minerality." Taste this little piece of history for \$17.99.