

The PICKS

FEATURE WINE

Hedges Family Estate 2022 Red Mountain Blend

Ahh my favorite, Red Mountain, the best wines that Washington state has to offer. We brought in a new blend this week, Hedges Family Estate 2022 Red Mountain Blend. Hedges is a family-owned and run estate in the Red Mountain AVA of Columbia Valley. They have a few lines of wine, but this is from their top-tier Estate line, so all of the grapes in this blend are from within 2 miles of the estate. It consists of 60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 29% Merlot, 5% Syrah, 3% Cabernet Franc, and 3% Malbec. A true Bordeaux-style blend from the heart of Washington. The bottle is labeled as a Robert Parker pick but received 90+ points across the board. Suckling has this to say: "This has fragrant aromas of sage, black cherries, licorice and dried herbs. Hazelnuts, too. It's full-bodied, creamy and classy, with fine-grained, lightly chalky tannins. Lovely savory, subtly nutty finish... Drink or hold." Truly worth every penny of its \$32.99 price tag.

WINE PICK

Juan Gil 2023 White Blend

I did a Juan Gil red last week, and this week it's a Juan Gil white: Juan Gil 2023 White Blend. Several of you have asked over the years for a low-calorie wine option, and we have never carried any regularly because we couldn't find one that we liked. Well we finally found it. Our friend Juan (or rather, his great-grandchildren) can do anything. This is from Jumilla in central Spain, and it's a blend of Verdejo and Sauvignon Blanc. You know what that means... this is a taco wine. Pairs great with Mexican food. "Juan Gil White Blend is a crisp, bright, full-flavored wine reminiscent of ripe nectarines, apples and pears. The grapes are sourced from our estate vineyards harvested without using herbicides or pesticides. Our White Blend is especially for those seeking a light wine without sacrificing its delicious flavor." It's light, it's bright, it's crisp, and you can drink plenty of it without getting into trouble. Grab a bottle at \$14.99 for that next taco night or for Cinco de Mayo coming up