

The PICKS

FEATURE WINE

François Villard 2019 Le Gallet Blanc

Believe it or not, yet another bargain deal this week: François Villard 2019 Le Gallet Blanc. Contrary to what you might think based on the name, this is not a white wine. It's actually 100% Syrah from France's Rhône Valley -- more specifically, the prestigious Côte Rôtie region in the most northern reaches of the Rhône. Some of the world's most expensive and highly regarded wines are Syrahs from this region. We like François Villard because he is a self-made man, which is somewhat of a rarity in the wine world these days, going from a young chef with an interest in wine to now having over 30 years of experience in the industry and a respected name to go with it. Le Gallet Blanc, named two honor two grape growers Villard used to work with, is a tenacious wine, exotic, lively, and fresh. "Aromas of mixed berries & currant with savory roasted meats, candied violets and smoky incense. Mouthfeel is racy & impressively persistent." Chewy tannins from 90% whole cluster fermentation "add grip to an impressively long, expansive and smoke-tinged finish that echoes the blue fruit and licorice notes." And I can't word this any better... "Pair with roasted meat, roasted meat, and roasted meat." This bottle is normally \$80-90, and we have it in for you at \$39.99. Grab one while you can... there are only a few available.

WINE PICK

Gergenti 2022 La Vera Siciliana

We started working with a new distributor recently, and this wine was the #1 reason: Gergenti 2022 La Vera Siciliana. This is a tasty red blend from Sicily off Italy's southern coast... you know, the part the boot is kicking. It seems like many people have been discovering and enjoying Sicilian wines over the past year or so, so we wanted to bring this in. It's comprised of Nero d'Avola, Nerello Mascalese, and Frappato, all native varietals to the island and grown on the slopes of Mount Etna, so you'll be trying a true taste of Sicily with this bottle. It's medium-bodied, soft and round on the palate, with notes of raspberry, redcurrant, and a hint of dried plum and chocolate, following by a dry finish from those mineral-rich Etna soils. Join us on the Sicily bandwagon with this \$16.99 bottle.