

# *The* PICKS

## FEATURE WINE

### Murdoch Hill 2021 Adelaide Hills Pinot Noir

This week's feature is Murdoch Hill 2021 Adelaide Hills Pinot Noir from South Australia. We tasted this wine recently and really enjoyed it. Murdoch Hill has been family-owned since 1939, but they only planted vines about 25 years ago. They've made a lot of progress in that span. They focus on high altitude and colder climate Pinot Noirs and Chardonnays, and they are great value for money, with this bottle sitting at \$29.99. They farm organically, use native yeasts and gentle extraction, and really try to let the natural quality of the grapes come through. This Pinot has notes of "light raspberry, ripe strawberry, cherry, soft, fleshy, and sweet spices. Fruity, hints of plum and strawberry, hints of vanilla, and a lingering finish." It has a little bit of an edge to it as well, which adds some interest. It's well-balanced, weighty but not too heavy, a fantastic summer red.

## WINE PICK

### Château des Demoiselles 2023 Côtes de Provence Rosé

Gotta go with a nice, crisp rosé this week. This wine comes to us from the Esclans Valley in Provence, home to such famed rosés as Whispering Angel and the \$100 Garrus. From right down the street, this \$19.99 bottle "epitomizes just how good a French rosé should be: fragrant, juicy, fresh, and crisp. A beautiful, brilliant, pale pink color in the glass, the Demoiselles blend bursts with red berries, flowers, and stone fruit, and finishes with the crisp energy that defines Provence rosé." The estate's name makes reference to the "Demoiselles of Provence," the daughters of the last Count of Provence who all went on to become queens, as well as owner Aurélie Bertin who has been working to make the vineyard organic, sustainable, and biodiverse. If you like a rosé that is dry and bright and undeniably Provençal, give this one a try. I think you'll like it as much as we do.